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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT - FUNDAMEDIOS**

The National Secretariat of Communications cannot rule on the administrative process of dissolution that has been initiated against the ANDEAN FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL OBSERVATION AND STUDY OF SOCIAL MEDIA - FUNDAMEDIOS prior to the 10-day period that this organization has to exert its right to defense, according to applicable law.

The National Secretariat of Communication, in the context of competences attributed to this entity under the Regulation of the Unified System of Information of Social Organizations, and other related norms, has the obligation to safeguard the application of the statutes and other administrative documents of more than 100 organizations registered and constituted under the scope of this regulation, including the Ecuadorean Association of Journal Editors (AEDEP), the Ecuadorean Agency of Radio and Television (AER), the Association of Communitarian and Regional Channels of Ecuador, and Citizen Participation, among others. Nonetheless, FUNDAMEDIOS has consistently chosen to not comply with applicable norms.

The intention of the National Secretariat of Communication has never been that of initiating the dissolution process of FUNDAMEDIOS. For this reason, on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, this institution urged the organization to comply with the norms of its own statute, specifically as it relates to the prohibition of acting in political affairs, as article 6 of its own statute defines. As a result of the refusal of FUNDAMEDIOS to comply with this request, the process of dissolution was formally initiated.

FUNDAMEDIOS has the legitimate right to provide explanations and justifications of its actions during the aforementioned 10-day period. Once the documents are turned in, the National Secretariat of Communications will issue its resolution, under the current legal system and in strict support of the Rule of Law.