Macri Gov't to Take teleSUR off Argentine TV Service in 15 Days

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The government of Mauricio Macri served notice that in 15 days, Argentines will no longer enjoy broadcasts from the regional news network, teleSUR, over the government's Open Digital Television.

In Depth: Don't Silence teleSUR!

teleSUR President Patricia Villegas took to social media Wednesday to denounce what media watchdogs are calling "censorship" on the part of the right-wing Argentine president and his government.

Villegas publishing the letter sent from Argentine officials which outlined that the decisions was "based on the need to renew the program listings for our Experimental System of Digital Terrestrial Television and Satellite Television System."



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De mi consideración:

Por la presente, en mi carácter de apoderada judicial y administrativa de Radio y Televisión Argentina S.E. (RTA SE) y siguiendo expresas instrucciones de mi mandante, vengo a comunicar a Uds. que Radio y Televisión Argentina Sociedad del Estado ha decidido rescindir los Convenios de Colaboración N166/10 y Nº 167/10 celebrados oportunamente con Uds. y en base a necesidades de renovar la grilla de nuestros Sistema Experimental de Televisión Digital Terrestre y Sistema de Televisión Satelital, procederemos a dejar de emitir la señal Telesur en el plazo de quince (15) días a partir de la recepción de la presente.

Asimismo quiero transmitir el agradecimiento de RTA SE por el importante aporte efectuado por Uds. a ambos sistemas y manifestar que la presente rescisión no obsta a la celebración de otros futuros acuerdos.

Atentamente:

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DRA. MARÍA EUGENIA MARTINEZ
Gerente de Asuntos Legales
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In March, however, the head of Media and Public Content Argentina, Hernan Lombardi, said the move to pull out of teleSUR, meaning that the network would not be shown on cable packages or the government-run TDA, was based on the inability of the Argentine government to direct the network's editorial line.

Villegas said teleSUR journalists, not government officials, direct the content of the station and its platforms. Nonetheless, the channel's head offered to discuss the decision openly with Argentine officials.

"Let's review teleSUR programming but in a truthful way," she said.

TeleSUR is included in packages of more than 90 cable operators and has agreements with 5 television stations in

different Argentine provinces. Until Feb. 29, 2016, it reached more than 20 million viewers in addition to more than 8 million subscribers.