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**New Delhi: January 15, 2009** — A delegation of the News Broadcasters Association (NBA) led by its President, Mr. G. Krishnan, called on Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, UPA, today. Mrs. Gandhi assured the delegation that she firmly believed that the media should be free and there should be no restrictions imposed on it. She stated that there would be no such action taken by the government, which would be detrimental to the working of a free media. She also stated that arising out of the apprehensions to the proposed amendments in the Cable Television Network Rules, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, has assured the media that the matter will be taken up for finalization only after the widest possible consultation with all stakeholders and eliciting their different points of view on the proposed changes.

Mrs. Gandhi appreciated the initiatives taken by the NBA in setting up an Authority under the Chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) J.S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India.

The other members of the delegation were Mr. Narayan Rao, Board Member and Group CEO, NDTV Ltd., Mr. Shazi Zaman, Board Member and Editor, Star News, Mr. Rajat Sharma, Chairman, India TV, Mr. Jawahar Goyal, Chairman, Zee News Ltd. and Mrs. Annie Joseph, Secretary General, NBA.

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