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**Government of the State of Piauí
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Note to the press

The Center of Intelligence of the Secretary of Public Safety hereby clarifies that on February 11h 2015 the Judge of the Central of Inquiries of the Teresina County (PI) issued a judicial warrant ordering the suspension of the WhatsApp application throughout the national territory.

The judicial order was issued due to an earlier breach of other determinations by the Court that are of confidential character by the WhatsApp Internet application provider.

It's necessary to clarify, as well, that the judicial procedure that originated those decisions began in 2013, but until the present date the responsible for WhatsApp has not yet complied with the judicial orders.

The judicial warrant was forwarded to the infrastructure providers (Backbones) and to the connection providers (mobile phone carriers among others).

Finally, it is adequate to clarify that all the representations and aforementioned judicial decisions were considered based on the Law that instituted and disciplined the Marco Civil da Internet (Brazilian Internet Civil Rights Framework).