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1. AMONG FLURRY OF LAST MINUTE DECREES SIGNED BY PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO ON FEBRUARY 28 BEFORE CONGRESS RECONVENED WERE NUMBERS 201 AND 216, WHICH CONCERN CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AND ADAPTATION OF STATE CONSTITUTIONS TO CONFORM WITH NEW FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

2. DECREEE LAW NO. 216, STATING THAT ADAPTATION OF STATE CONSTITUTIONS TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS IS A "MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY," REQUIRES THAT GOVERNORS OF STATES SEND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES BY APRIL 15 DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO

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 STATE CONSTITUTIONS TO CONFORM THEM TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING THESE DRAFT AMENDMENTS WILL BE SAME AS THOSE APPLIED IN CASE OF FEDERAL CONSTITUTION BY INSTITUTIONAL ACT NO. 4, AND THAT WITHIN 60 DAYS OF PROMULGATION OF AMENDED CONSTITUTIONS, GOVERNORS MAY PRESENT AMENDMENTS TO SUPREME COURT FOR A RULING ON CONSTITUTIONALITY OF "AMENDMENTS WHICH EXCEED OBJECT OF ADAPTATION."

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3. DECREE LAW 201 ESTABLISHES VARIOUS " CRIMES OF RESPONSABILITY" AND "CRIMES OF A POLITICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE" WHICH APPLY TO MAYORS AND ALDERMEN, AND SETS FORTH PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH VIOLATIONS. AMONG CRIMES INCLUDED ARE MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOODS, DISBURSEMENTS OR INCURRING OF OBLIGATIONS WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY, AND CONDUCT UNBECOMING TO DECORUM OF OFFICE. TUTHILL
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