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To Governors

Under the provisions of Law number 003/2011 issued on 01/12/2011, which includes the Law of Civil Status and particularly Article 4, which stipulates that registration is mandatory, along with Article 2 which stipulates that the national population registry includes mandatory fingerprints and facial and imagery recognition data,

And in accordance with the organizational procedures intended to regulate candidacy for national tests and register students in educational institutions and obtain accurate data related to them, and thereafter to ensure that diplomas are consistent with the information available to the National Agency for Population Registration and provided documents, in addition to reducing cheating and fraud,

We are pleased to inform you that, starting from school year 2016-2017:

- No one shall be permitted to sit for national examinations or tests unless they have completed biometric registration procedures and possess a national identity card, which is available to anyone over the age of 10 upon request to all Agency centers, and issued rapidly by all centers.
- No student shall be registered in a public or private educational institution unless the registration process has been completed in the manner stipulated by Law, and he possesses a birth certificate.

Based on the above, we ask that you, from now on, carry out a widespread awareness campaign to explain this circular and inform all magistrates, heads of administrative centers and the families of students to take the steps necessary for its application in the appropriate manner.

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