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Brasilia, April 28 (RHC)-- The president of the Brazilian Senate and Congress, Rodrigo Pacheco, issued the request for the creation of a Joint Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (CPMI) on the coup acts of last January 8th occurred in Brasilia (capital).

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It also refers that the Brazilian government's position recently changed in favor of this Commission after the dissemination of a video of the day of the attack in which the then minister of the Institutional Security Office (GSI), Marco Edson Gonçalves Dias, who later resigned, appears.

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