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With a world in which states are increasingly interdependent, there are a number of challenges facing by them in one of their strategic areas, security. With the fall of the Berlin Wall (1989) and the globalization process there is a permeability of borders with regard to risks and threats (which may originate inside or outside national boundaries) to the States Homeland Security, which have become to be difficult to detain by requiring the development of increasingly effective strategies to prevent this permeability, which came to be confirmed with the attacks on the Twin Towers in the United States of America.

Accordingly, this dissertation focus on the analysis of the situation of the Homeland Security System of São Tomé and Príncipe through the analysis of its potentialities and its vulnerabilities, with the objective of perceiving the main challenges to the Homeland Security of the country in the present Century.

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