

# Mobile Device Theft in Latin America: Current policies and issues

## **Abstract:**

Summary of the key findings when examining a growing issue facing the public and private sectors, focused on the current situation and the tools available to address an issue that concerns governments, regulators, operators, and users across Latin America. In particular, it considers two categories of anti-theft tools – IMEI-blocking measures, such as blacklists and whitelists – and technical solutions, such as kill switches – and the potential for wider adoption of technical solutions in the region to reduce mobile device theft. In addition, it reviews the regional and national approaches to addressing mobile device theft, including an overview of the policies in 11 Latin American markets.