Cybercrime and criminal justice in cyberspace

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Cybercrime legislation

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Legal general scenario (LATAM)

- **►** Most of the countries
 - **▶** Penal Code traditional infringements (no cyber)
 - ▶ Penal Procedure Code traditional measures (no digital evidence)
 - ► In some cases, International Cooperation Law

- **▶** Budapest Convention
 - Substantive
 - Proceedings
 - ► International Cooperation

What did countries did?

- ▶ Option A to amend all the legal sources
 - **▶** Penal Code adding cybercrimes
 - ► Penal Procedure Code adding procedural rules of the Convention
 - ► The International Cooperation Law specific rules on e-evidence

- ▶ Option B a single new legal instrument: a comprehensive law on cybercrime crime and digital evidence
 - Substantive provisions
 - **▶** Procedural provisions
 - **▶** Provisions on international cooperation

Specific issues

- ► Applicability of general rules
 - ► (both substantive and procedural)

- ► The questions of international cooperation specific rules
 - **▶** Direct applicability of the Convention?

- ► A regional approach?
 - **▶** Other instruments?
 - ► OAS OEA's view

Examples

▶ Guatemala

▶ Peru

Paraguay

► Ecuador