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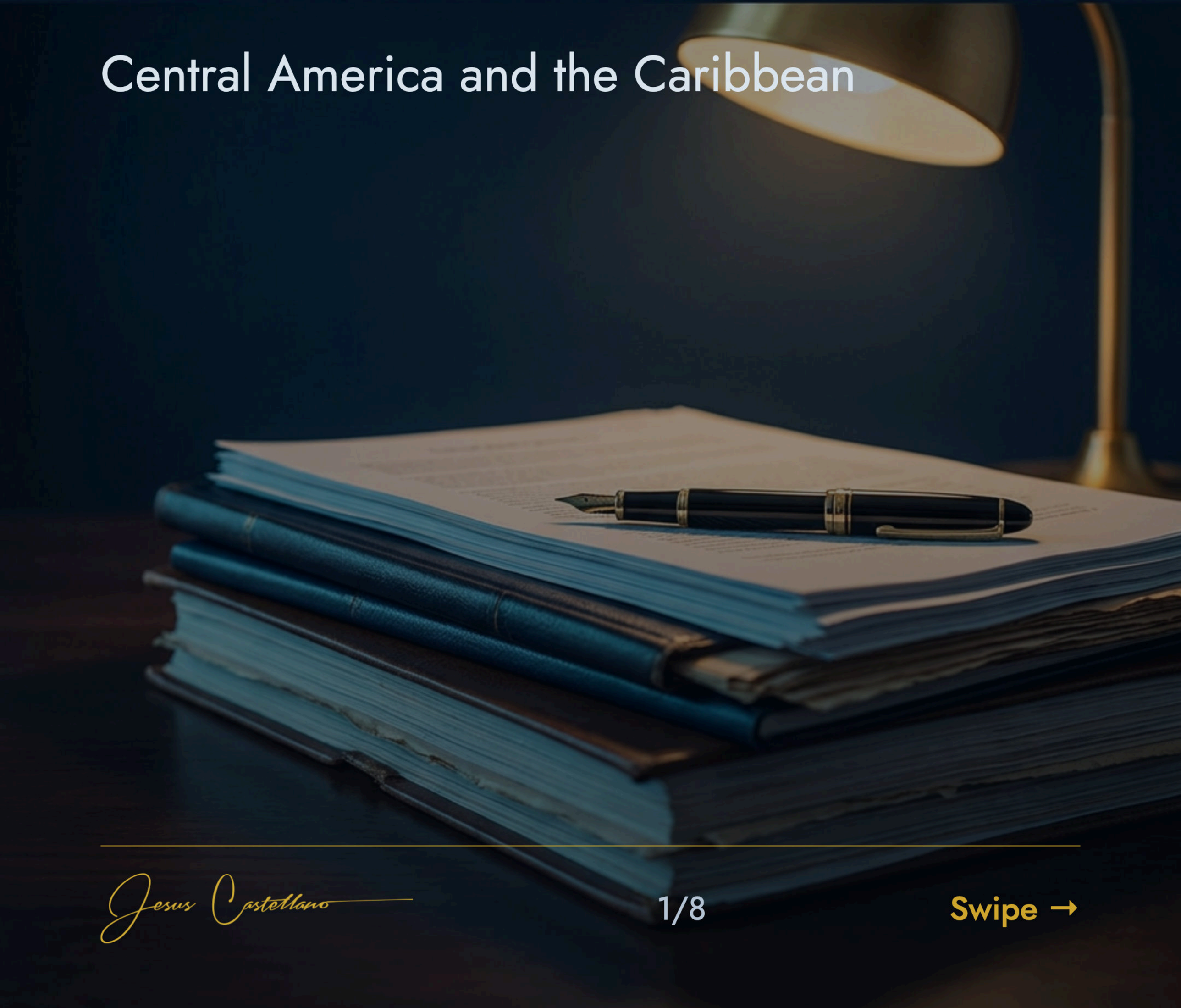
From declarations to rules of execution

Central America and the Caribbean



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GUATEMALA

Cybersecurity Law: committee opinion in October, passed on November 3

Congress passed it as a national emergency, 121 to 10. The Interior Ministry leads through a National Directorate; Defense keeps cyberdefense. Presidential assent is pending.

HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA

Spectrum on offer after 13 years and number portability under way

Conatel opened tender CNT-CP002/2026 with 700 MHz and 1700/2100 MHz after a failed attempt. Telcor started a 14-month roadmap on October 1.

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Decree 714-26: rules for the State's digital procurement

In force. It requires a MAP technical review, data portability, interoperability and reversibility, and bans exclusive commercial dependencies. AI contracts must include human oversight and traceability.

COSTA RICA

Micitt alert on PHP2Shell and a Sutel-CRC agreement

CSIRT-CR asked public institutions to patch PHP and report; no institution confirmed affected. Sutel and Colombia's CRC will cooperate on AI, OTT, quality and users.

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THE CARIBBEAN

Jamaica demands a report on the JETS incident; Trinidad proposes digital VAT

Wheatley set 72 hours for a briefing and October 31 for the written report. Trinidad and Tobago would apply 12.5% to digital services from March 2027.

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WHAT COMES NEXT

Assent in Guatemala, Honduras' tender and CyberWeek in Santo Domingo

Guatemala: presidential assent and publication of the law. CyberWeek@LAC4 in Santo Domingo, November 17 to 20. The UN Convention stays open for signature until December 31.

MY READ

Several States moved from declaring to setting rules of execution

Portability and interoperability by decree, deadlines for an incident report, a named coordinator. How much of that stays in the law and how much is left to each authority?