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**from the Policy Unit
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The purpose of this FYI is to inform staff of a change in the payment process to the German Federal Office of Justice, Germany's Central Authority under the Hague Child Support Convention. From now until March 20, 2023 Germany has asked that checks less than \$50.00 not be sent. Smaller payments must be consolidated into a single check payment per case. Payments for multiple cases should not be sent together in one check.

Effective March 21, 2023, all payments to Germany's Central Authority must be made electronically. There are currently two electronic options available for payments:

- Wire payment (SWIFT)
- International Automated Clearing House (IAT)

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