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Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issue updates to **9 FAM 40.103 Notes.** Plain language changes were made to section N3 and consultation with Overseas Citizens Services, Office of Children's Issue (CA/OCS/CI) was added to section N6. A reference title was changed in section N7 and a link to the current Hague Abduction Convention Country List was added in the html version in section N8.

2. **Change Transmittal** has replaced the term, Transmittal Letter. Change Transmittal was selected as being more appropriate in this age of electronic information transmission. The FAM volume's transmittal acronym and numerical series remains in place.

3. Revisions since the last update appear in *italic* and *dark magenta*. Other than formal titles, the italic will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italic. Italic provides a historical record of changes.

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