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DE			te	<p>Germany votes “No with comments”. If the comment is accepted, Germany changes its vote to “Yes”.</p> <p>T1 PDAM2 contains the character: U+20BB MARK SIGN, based on the proposal SC2/WG2 N4308. This proposal undoubtedly contains a character which deserves encoding. However, there were several currencies called “Mark” used in different areas and different eras (e.g. in Germany 1871–2001), represented by different signs. This fact is in no way sufficiently addressed in the proposal.</p> <p>We regard it highly irritating to base an encoding decision on a proposal as premature as N4308.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The proposal gives one historic author as reference only and takes not into account that the character in question exists in many other sources, from different European countries and from a wide span of time. – The proposal admits that there are variant appearances of the “MARK SIGN” testified or that similar symbols are 	<p>Germany requests a name change to “OLD MARK SIGN” in order to clear the ambiguity to the meaning of 2133. We further request two annotations being added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the flourish part of the glyph may appear alone or being attached to the right end of the m. • → 2133 \mathcal{M} is a later representation of “Mark” in German countries 	

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				<p>known, yet refuses to discuss the inevitable question of unification or disunification. Therefore we feel it necessary to point out that a forced encoding as proposed may serve well as a short-term solution for one project, but may well cause issues in the future for others to come.</p> <p>– The proposal does list neither any research nor any of the relevant sources about (old) currency signs as a reference, apart from Holberg.</p>		

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