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HOW MUCH LONGER WILL THE GATEWAY FRUIT HANG SO LOW?

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ABSTRACT

Mobile technology has made micropayments the low-hanging fruit of financial inclusion. This fruit is also considered the gateway to other financial inclusion mechanisms, such as microsavings and microcredit. When it comes to foreign remittance payments, however, the "great derisking" in correspondent banking now threatens to take away this low-hanging fruit. Global banks have been derisking by cutting off their relationships with respondent banks in many poor countries. I argue that this is largely an overreaction to the recent large penalties for violations of rules against money laundering and terrorist financing. Moreover, there are steps remittance-receiving countries can take to mitigate the consequences of derisking.

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