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Dear Professor Kruseman,

Please find attached my letter of 6 September 2011 to Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, World Health Organization (WHO) that reviews the genital mutilation of children from a different perspective that is not usually recognized with priority in modern medical statements of policy on this issue including your policy statement: *Non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors*.

My letter to Dr. Chan reflects the position of the World-Wide Genital Integrity Community that originated at the *First International Symposium on Circumcision* in Anaheim, CA on March 1-3, 1989 and again at the *Fourth International Symposium on Sexual Mutilations* held at the University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland on August 9-11, 1996.

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At both of these International Conferences it was unanimously held by the General Assemblies that the genital mutilation of children (male and female) constitute torture and is in violation of Articles 2,3, and 5 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* where Article 5 states “*No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*”; and Articles 10, 24, and 37 of the *U.N. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD* where Article 37 states: (a) *No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading*

treatment or punishment. Neither capital punishment nor life imprisonment without possibility of release shall be imposed for offenses committed by persons below 18 years of age.

American Federal Law established that genital mutilation of female children is a crime (PL 104-208; March 30,1997) and by extension via the 14th Amendment of “equal protection of the Laws”, a crime against male children. <http://mgmbill.org/usfgmlaw.htm>

I affirmed this reality in my **Online letter “GENITAL MUTILATION OF CHILDREN IS TORTURE”** in *PEDIATRICS* (29 April 2010) concerning their *Policy Statement—Ritual Genital Cutting of Female Minors* by their COMMITTEE ON BIOETHICS. **Policy Statement—Ritual Genital Cutting of Female Minors** *Pediatrics* 2010; 0: peds.2010-0187v1-20100187 [\[Abstract\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

The Bioethics Committee's overconcern with "culturally insensitive language" transcends their cultural/medical indifference to the human pain, suffering and trauma inflicted upon these genitally mutilated children--an act of torture, which has escaped them. The *Committee On Bioethics* has forgotten the First Medical Ethic: “**First, Do No Harm**”

On June 29, 2010 the *American Academy of Pediatrics* rejected the language and recommendation of its *Committee on Bioethics* with the following revision of its POLICY statement on FGM:

FGM is illegal and subject to criminal prosecution in several countries, including Sweden, Norway, Australia, and the United Kingdom.8,9 In 1996 the Congress of the United States enacted legislation to criminalize the performance of FGM by practitioners on female infants and children or adolescents younger than 18 years and to develop educational programs at the community level and for physicians about the harmful consequences of the practice.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/102/1/153.full>

Dr. Judith Palfrey, M.D., President, **American Academy of Pediatrics** was compelled to renounce the AAP Bioethics Committee's policy statement on *Ritual Cutting of Female Minors* with the following statement: “*The AAP does not endorse the practice of offering a "clitoral nick". This minimal pinprick is forbidden under federal law and the AAP does not recommend it to its members. The AAP is steadfast in its goal of protecting all young girls from the harms of FGC.*” (April 26, 2010).

A plea was made to Dr. Palfrey to provide equal protection of male children from these sexual assaults without success. <http://ttfuture.org/blog/1181>

A case study by David Levy (1945) established that homicidal and suicidal rage was induced by circumcision of a 6.5 year old child: "Psychic Trauma of Operations in Children". *American Diseases of Children* 69(1): 7-25, which portrays the hidden costs of genital mutilation that affects all of society and not just the child. <http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/Levy1945.html>

Additional support for the criminal actions of the genital mutilation of children is provided by the judicial OPINION of Judge J. Flaherty (1978) in The Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Civil Division. *McFall v Shimp*:

"...Forceable extraction of living body tissue causes revulsion to the judicial mind. Such would

raise the spectre of the swastika and the Inquisition, reminiscent of the horrors this portends...
An Order will be entered denying the request for a preliminary injunction."
(Enclosed). http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/McFall_v_Shimp.pdf

The supporting letters from Dr. Francis Crick and Dr. Jonas Salk in support of the Montagu Resolution are attached. (April 8 and 19, 1995).
<http://www.nocirc.org/symposia/fourth/endorse1.pdf>
<http://www.nocirc.org/symposia/fourth/endorse2.pdf>)

It is requested that *The Royal Dutch Medical Association* review this letter with attachments and provide support for *The Ashley Montagu Resolution To End the Genital Mutilation of Children Worldwide: A Petition To The World Court, The Hague*, as have Dr. Francis Crick and Dr. Jonas Salk and many other international citizens.

It is further requested that *The Royal Dutch Medical Association* petition Prime Minister Mark Rutte to petition the World Court, The Hague to provide a *de jure* ruling that the genital mutilation of children is torture, which is prohibited by International Law. Only Heads of State can petition the World Court, The Hague.

Perhaps this Petition should be best managed through Her Majesty, Queen Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard. Previous efforts to other Heads of States have been unsuccessful.

Additional information can be found at the following websites:

9. *The Truth Seeker July/August 1989. Crimes of Genital Mutilation*
http://www.violence.de/Magazines_of_Our_Times.html
http://www.violence.de/GM-TS_1989.pdf

Genital Mutilation of Children is Torture II and *All Genital Mutilations Are Torture*
<http://ttfuture.org/blog/118> <http://montagunocircpetition.org>

The greatest crime against humanity is the torture and mutilation of children.

Your consideration of this appeal to *The Royal Dutch Medical Association* is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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