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Dear Dr. First,

Please find attached a one-page pdf of my *Petition To The World Court, The Hague* that addresses the Human Rights violations associated with circumcision and a brief history of those events associated with this PETITION.

The extraordinary action taken by Judith Palfrey, M.D., Past President, *American Academy of Pediatrics* who 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..." (17 May 2010) that should be contrasted with the more horrendous circumcision (mutilation) of the penis. [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/125/5/1088.full/reply#pediatrics\\_el\\_50189](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/125/5/1088.full/reply#pediatrics_el_50189)

To advance the education of Pediatricians world-wide perhaps you would be willing to publish this statement in PEDIATRICS with your commentary; and to bring this PETITION to the attention of those Symposia addressing the issues of child abuse and circumcision at the forthcoming AAP National Conference in Boston, MA 15-18 October 2001.

On behalf of the infants and children of the world.

Cordially,

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# PETITION TO THE WORLD COURT, THE HAGUE

## THE GREATEST CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY IS THE TORTURE & MUTILATION OF CHILDREN

CALL TO ENDORSE 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, which affirms that the *genital mutilation of children is torture* and is in violation of Article 5 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* that states: *No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*; and Article 37 of the *U.N. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD*: (a) *No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.* <http://montagunocircpetition.org>

U.S. Federal Law makes female genital mutilation a crime and baby boys/children are protected by “the equal protection of the laws” of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.  
<http://mgmbill.org/usfgmlaw.htm>

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Moses Maimonides' in *The Guide of the Perplexed* (circa 1190) stated. “***The bodily pain caused to that member is the real purpose of circumcision***” (III: 49).

Letters requesting support have been written to Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, *World Health Organization (WHO)* and to **THE ROYAL DUTCH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**  
[http://www.violence.de/politics.shtml#Lt\\_WHO-Chan\\_7.15.11](http://www.violence.de/politics.shtml#Lt_WHO-Chan_7.15.11)

Letters of support for *The Ashley Montagu Resolution To End the Genital Mutilation of Children Worldwide: A Petition To The World Court, The Hague*, have been written by Dr. Jonas Salk and Dr. Francis Crick <http://www.nocirc.org/symposia/fourth/endorse1.pdf>  
<http://www.nocirc.org/symposia/fourth/endorse2.pdf>

**YOUR SUPPORT TO PREVENT THE CHILD ABUSE OF GENITAL MUTILATION OF CHILDREN IS NEEDED.**

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