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*Sexual mutilation is a global problem that affects 15.3 million children and young adults annually. In terms of gender, 13.3 million boys and 2 million boys and 2 million girls are involuntarily subjected to sexual mutilation every year. While it is tempting to quantify and compare the amount of tissue removed from either gender, no ethical justification can be made for removing any amount of flesh from the body of another person. **The violation of human rights, implicit in sexual mutilation is identical for any gender.** The violation occurs with the first cut into another person's body.*

*At the First International Symposium Sexual Mutilations, held in Anaheim, California. In 1989, delegates unanimously ratified the Declaration of Genital Integrity (initially entitled The Declaration of The First International Symposium on Circumcision). Because of the historic nature of this document, and because several of the contributors of this volume refer to it, it is reprinted here for the benefit of the reader. **Delegates at the Fourth International Symposium on Sexual Mutilations unanimously ratified The Ashley Montagu Resolution to End the Genital Mutilation of Children Worldwide.** This document, named in honor of Dr. Ashley Montagu, distinguished scientist, scholar, and humanist, at the time of this writing has been sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations and to the World Court, for a de jure ruling that **the sexual mutilation of children violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.** These documents can be viewed at: <http://montagunocircpetition.org>*

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All the symptoms of the child are similar to symptoms of the adult suffering from combat neurosis –night terrors, fear of the dark, anxiety symptoms, obsessions, hysteria and even symptoms of negativism (suicide), p. 15.

*"... a circumcision at the age of 6 years 7 months, was preceded by a struggle of the patient with his father and the anesthetist before they overpowered him. Immediately after the anesthesia wore off, he said over and over, "They cut my penis. I wish I were dead." The rest of the day the patient never left his mother's side. Thereafter his previous temper tantrums developed into destructive rages. **During the treatment he played numerous killing games, in which his father was the principal victim.** The operation represented a castration by his father." (p. 10). <http://www.violence.de/prescott/truthseeker/genpl.html>*