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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

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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