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Dear Dr. Chan,

This is a follow-up letter to you of 15 July 2011 that conveys the strong moral, scientific, medical, Constitutional and International Law objections to imposing genital mutilation (circumcision), a religious-cultural custom, as a preventive action against AIDS and that you take corrective action which recognizes that all genital mutilation of children (male and female) is an act of torture (enclosed).

Attached is a brief history of this historic struggle-- with documentation-- which affirms that the genital mutilation of children violates *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (December 10,1948); *The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child* (November 20, 1989); American Federal Law which establishes genital mutilation of female children 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>

Judge J. Flaherty (1978) in The Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Civil Division. *McFall v Shimp* rendered his **OPINION**:

"..."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

A case study by David Levy (1945) established that homicidal and suicidal rage induced by circumcision of a 6.5 year old child: "Psychic Trauma of Operations in Children". *American Diseases of Children* 69(1): 7-25 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>

My response (Violence, pleasure and religion) to a letter criticizing this writers article "Body Pleasure and The Origins of Violence" in the *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, March 1976, pp. 81-82 by Rabbi Nathan A. Barack, stated:

Moses Maimonides' in *The Guide of the Perplexed* (circa 1190); stated:

Similarly one of the intentions of the Law is purity and sanctification; I mean by this renouncing and avoiding sexual intercourse and causing it to be as infrequent as possible, as I shall make clear (III:8); and

*Similarly with regard to circumcision, one of the reasons for it is, in my opinion, the wish to bring about a decrease in sexual intercourse and a weakening of the organ in question, so that this activity be diminished and the organ be in as quite a state as possible.... **The bodily pain caused to that member is the real purpose of circumcision (III: 49).***

The *Code of Jewish Law* (Chapter 150: Laws of Chastity; Chapter 151: the Sin of Discharging Semen in Vain) condemned masturbation and other sins of sexual pleasure.

The 6,000 word *Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics* (1975) issued by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reaffirms the immorality of premarital intercourse; condemns homosexuality; and teaches that **masturbation is "an intrinsically and seriously disordered act"**; *all of which are considered vices contrary to the virtue of chastity.*

<http://www.violence.de/prescott/bulletin/barack.html>

<http://www.violence.de/prescott/bulletin/article.html>

<http://www.violence.de/prescott/truthseeker/genpl.html>

The religious moral doctrines concerning circumcision and masturbation cannot be ignored in the "medical" practices of circumcision.

The Ashley Montagu Campaign Against the Torture and Mutilation of Children

<http://MontaguNoCircPetition.org>

presented SIGNATURES Collected at *The 11th International Symposium on Circumcision, Genital Integrity, and Human Rights, Berkeley CA 29-31 July 2010* In support of the Montagu Resolution.

Despite this history and current efforts Georganne Chapin, MPhil, JD, Executive Director, *Intact America* has formally rejected and betrayed this historical record that the genital mutilation of children is torture when she stated:

"INTACT AMERICA does not support this proposal that the Genital Mutilation of Children Is Torture. Georganne Chapin, Executive Director, *Intact America*, states: **"I do not feel at liberty to**

represent this organization as subscribing to the description of circumcision as torture." "I cannot lend *Intact America's* support to this resolution – either explicitly or indirectly”.

Intact America's communication to you does not reflect the history of the Genital Integrity Community, as this documentation supports, and you are urged to take action to defend all children (male and female) against genital mutilation.

I am copying this letter to Anthony S. Fauci, MD, Director National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health (and others) despite his statement in *Science* VOL 333 1 JULY 2011 that:

“Building on this foundation, *recent HIV prevention research also has provided strong scientific evidence that adult male circumcision is highly effective in preventing infection in heterosexual men, that an antiretroviral-based topical gel prevents infection in heterosexual women...*” (*AIDS: Let Science Inform Policy*”, attached). This antiretroviral-based topical gel should be incorporated into a Medwipe that can be used on the male penis to further reduce the risk of HIV infection per my letter to Dr. Zerhouni of 23 January 2007, attached.

The statement that *recent HIV prevention research also has provided strong scientific evidence that adult male circumcision is highly effective in preventing infection in heterosexual men* has been seriously questioned.

(See letter of 1 October 2009 to Dr. Francis Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), which requests “Your personal support for *The Ashley Montagu Resolution To End the Genital Mutilation of Children Worldwide: A Petition To The World Court, the Hague*, http://www.violence.de/prescott/letters/LtCollins_1.Oct.2009.html)

(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>)

There is more to HIV/AIDS than *Science* and the Human Rights of Children must be respected and honored. I trust that you will act accordingly on behalf of all of our Children.

Respectively,

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