

STOP Intersex Genital Mutilations!



20 November is the Annual Day of the Rights of the Child, marking the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

To this day, in the “developed countries” intersex children are systematically submitted to non-consensual, unnecessary, irreversible, cosmetic genital surgeries and other harmful treatments to “correct” their “atypical” sex anatomy.

States are complicit in these continuous and grave human rights violations by offering IGM perpetrators impunity, protection and funding, while disregarding IGM victims and their legitimate complaints.

Amnesty Switzerland (2010)

“Serious violation of the human right to physical integrity, self-determination and dignity”

Swiss Bioethics Commission NEK

(Opinion No. 20/2012)

“Not compatible with fundamental human rights – Psychosocial indication cannot in itself justify irreversible genital surgery in a child who lacks capacity – Suffering should be acknowledged by society – Legal review of civil liability, criminal law and statutes of limitations”

Committee on the Rights of the Child

(CRC/C/CHE/CO/2-4, 2015)

“Harmful practice, violence against children – Lack of redress and compensation – Reference to NEK”

UN Committee against Torture

(CAT/C/CHE/CO/7, 2015)

“Inhuman treatment or torture – Legislative and other necessary measures to ensure physical integrity – Lack of access to redress and fair compensation for victims – Reference to NEK”

UN Special Rapporteur on Torture

(A/HRC/22/53, 2013)

“Scarring, loss of sexual sensation, pain, incontinence and lifelong depression – Unscientific, potentially harmful and contributing to stigma”

Lifelong Suffering and Trauma From Intersex Genital Mutilations

Since the 1950s, harmful and unnecessary “genital correction surgeries” on intersex children are practiced systematically and on an increasingly industrial scale – to this day without any evidence for the alleged benefits for the persons concerned.

For more than 20 years, survivors have been protesting IGM publicly as “very harmful”, “traumatizing”, “immensely destructive of sexual sensation”, and as comparable to Child Sexual Abuse. Until the 1990s, the most frequent “correction” was amputation of an “enlarged clitoris”.

To this day, there hasn’t been any public reckoning – neither with past nor current IGM practices.

IGM is a Serious Crime –

NOT an Identity or Discrimination Issue

Be it government policy, media reports, or funding, IGM must be framed and addressed adequately – NOT appropriated for gender and identity politics!



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