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Efni: Bill for banning circumcision of minors

Dear Members of Parliament,

first I'd like to introduce myself:

My name is Werner Erndl, I am Member of "MOGiS e.V.", a German association of victims of sexualized violence against children. In this association I am also member of the working group of men affected from circumcision.

"MOGiS e.V. - A Voice of Those Affected" was founded in 2009 to represent victims of child sexual abuse. Nowadays we understand ourselves as representatives for those affected of attacks against their sexual autonomy during childhood.

MOGiS e.V. is member of the German National Coalition for realization for the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child, we are member of the DgfPI (German Society for prevention and intervention at child abuse and neglecting) and the so called "Bundesforum Männer", the Federal Forum of Men. There we work constructively with specialist lectures and taking part in working groups.

Since 2012 - after the German debate on circumcision - we organize the yearly "World Wide Day of Genital Autonomy", a day that is celebrated on five continents now and supported by NGOs all over the world.

So far to our general work.

I am writing you to support the bill on banning circumcision of boys for non-medical reasons. And to help with material you might see as needful and helpful.

In January 2015 there was a colloquium in Paris, France, with the title "Circumcision - A gesture for the future". This colloquium was organized by the \*Association des Médecins Israélites de France (AMIF)\* and the \*Fonds Social Juif Unifié (FSJU)\* and was visited by representatives of the whole European Jewish clergy.

Our friends of Droit au corps, a French organization of intactivists, were also present at this event. They transcribed the speeches and translated them from French into English.

The very essence of all that is that the Jewish clergy knows and acknowledges that the circumcision of babies

- causes an unavoidable pain to the newborn:

Quote \*Mr. Bernard Lobel\* (1:46:34):

"The third argument was about the pain, that the baby has no pain and also has no memory of that pain ...

The literature is very poor. I researched on these 3 topics and the responses are remarkable: Today, we know that children do feel pain, and we have a lot of testing to appreciate, many elements which show that the baby is suffering"

- endangers it's life and health

Quote \*Mr. Grapin-Dagorno\* (1:20:20):

"In newborns, the main complications are mainly of medical bleeding.

Children who really arrive in hemorrhagic shock. It happens. It's not very common, but it happens from time to time. Once we had that little one who had necrosis of the glans. [Inaudible] was called for a child who has a very [inaudible] shock some but not attributed to cardiogenic shock from the pain. Well, that's really rare. [...] And if not on circumcisions that are made in non-surgical conditions, bah you can see everything, [...] near-total ablation of the skin, rods completely buried, amputation of the glans, necrosis of the glans [...] Anyway, there's many and varied complications. And it is not entirely unusual."

- has no medical benefit for the newborn

Quote \*Mr. Lobel\* (1:43:34): " Apart from the religious rules that require, it is difficult to say that we will protect the child against AIDS in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8th day, or cancer of the penis, and thus what the medical reasons that could offer for circumcision on the 8th day."

- They also know and acknowledge that it is not necessary to circumcise on the 8th day:

Quote \*Mr. Zerbib\* (2:14:55): "We must not hesitate to refuse a circumcision, to delay it, because in terms of the law all that may endanger the child's life is a priority to avoid at all costs, we must know that we can back, do not do to 8 days if the health of children is at stake"

Here you can find a link to all the public documents:

- The video

[http://www.akadem.org/sommaire/themes/vie-juive/les-etapes-de-la-vie-juive/la-circoncision/la-circoncision-en-pratique-04-02-2015-67120\\_371.php](http://www.akadem.org/sommaire/themes/vie-juive/les-etapes-de-la-vie-juive/la-circoncision/la-circoncision-en-pratique-04-02-2015-67120_371.php)

- The french transcription and the verbatim from memory for the passages when the camera had to be switched off

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HLQHJfcraSI6uMSJZ7QAnBim1ISVV-ZWjQTtoODkA9\\_A/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HLQHJfcraSI6uMSJZ7QAnBim1ISVV-ZWjQTtoODkA9_A/edit)

- Machine made translations into English of all that are attached to this e-mail as Microsoft Word documents.

We hope that all this information may help you in case that the attacks and the pressure you have to stand should increase.

The question is not, how many cases of human rights violation happen.

The question is only IF those cases happen.

The question is not, which gender the mutilated child has. The only interesting this is, IF it is a child or an adult.

The question is not, how deep the cut is. It is only important, if a child's genital shall be cut.

Religios freedom is not limited by banning the violation of children's human rights.

May this bill be successful and an example for other parliaments in the world.

Thank you so much and good luck!

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Freundliche Grüße

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