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I heard about the planned law prohibiting child circumcision in Iceland.

Nearly six years ago there was a similar debate in my country.

And the government decided to rate religion higher than the rights of children.

What fills me with shame until today. What kind of message was that which we have sent to children and especially for boys?

That the interests of adults are above those of children, above the physical self-determination of children, above the right of sexual self-determination of children, above the health of children.

This is not a message we should give to our children.

The body of the children should only belong to them. Without restriction by gender or origin of the child.

How should we teach equal rights to children, if we make fundamental rights dependent on the gender of the children or the religion of the parents?

How can we tell them that their body belongs only to them, if it is a lie, in the case of half of the children?

Please do not make the same mistake as my country.

Be a good example of human rights, children's rights, progress and equal rights

Defend the weak and voiceless

in this conflict, the children.

Sincerely, yours

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