



## Amnesty International and Genital Mutilation

### *A Brief History*

[Amnesty International](#) has recognized female genital mutilation as a human rights violation since 1995. Intactivists have lobbied AI to adopt a gender neutral policy on genital mutilation since 1992, but these efforts have not yet succeeded.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Mar. 13, 2007	AI blocks display of MGMBill.org's genital integrity <a href="#">exhibit</a> at the 2007 Annual General Meeting in Milwaukee, WI.
Nov. 3, 2006	Working Party at the AIUSA Southern Regional Conference in New Orleans, LA, rejects an <a href="#">MGM study resolution 1</a> by a vote of 29-1 with 6 abstentions.
Oct. 14 - 15, 2006	MGMBill.org displays a male genital mutilation <a href="#">exhibit</a> at the AIUSA Western Regional Conference in Tucson, AZ. At the same conference, AI Working Party rejects an <a href="#">MGM study resolution 4</a> by a vote of 8-3 with 1 abstention.
Apr. 28 - 30, 2006	MGMBill.org displays a <a href="#">male genital mutilation exhibit</a> at the 2006 AIUSA Annual General Meeting in Portland, OR.
Nov. 12, 2005	AI Working Party rejects <a href="#">Male Genital Mutilation resolution 8</a> at Western USA Regional Conference in San Francisco, CA by a vote of 27-13 with 7 abstentions. Same AI Working Party rejects <a href="#">MGM Bill Endorsement resolution 9</a> by a vote of 22-11 with 8 abstentions.
Jan, 2003	Doctors Opposing Circumcision presents a <a href="#">letter</a> to AI with information on male circumcision and human rights.
Aug, 1999	AI Bermuda Section distributes "Male Genital Mutilation" A human rights information pack and plays Intact's male circumcision video at the AI International Executive Committee Meeting in Portugal. Committee declines to take a position against MGM.
Aug 7, 1998	LeYoni Junos, AI Bermuda Section, discusses her struggle to bring male circumcision to the human rights table at AI in a <a href="#">speech</a> at the Fifth International Symposium on Sexual Mutilations, Oxford University, England. Discusses her 1998 <a href="#">report</a> "Bodily Integrity for Both: The Obligation of Amnesty International to Recognize All Forms of Genital Mutilation of Males as Human Rights Violations."
Mar, 1998	<a href="#">Poster</a> presentation on male and female genital mutilation at the Western Regional Meeting of Amnesty International, San Francisco. March, 1998.

Dec, 1997	AI votes down a proposal, submitted as a <a href="#">report</a> by AI Bermuda Section, to condemn genital mutilation of all children, regardless of gender, at the International Council Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. Report includes <a href="#">letter</a> from London Black Women's Health Action Project supporting an end to MGM.
Sep, 1997	AI publishes Female Genital Mutilation - A human rights information pack. The bibliography references works that detail how FGM and MGM both violate human rights.
May, 1997	AI holds FGM seminar in Dodoma, Tanzania, titled Human rights are women's rights: Eradicate female genital mutilation, where it is agreed that legislation needs to be implemented to help eradicate FGM.
1996	AI forms FGM working group at a conference in Bolgatanga, Ghana, entitled "Working together for change — stop female genital mutilation." The event draws widespread media coverage. A Male Genital Mutilation resolution presented at the Northeast USA Regional Conference is voted down.
1995	AI includes FGM in its promotional work on human rights prior to the Fourth UN Conference on Women in Beijing. Debate on a Male Genital Mutilation resolution at the Northeast USA Regional Conference is prevented by the Resolutions Committee.
1994	AI declines to debate a FGM resolution at the Northeast USA Regional Conference.
1993	AI votes down Genital Mutilations of Children and Unconsenting Adults resolution at the Northeast USA Regional Conference.
1992	AI votes down Genital Mutilations of Children resolution at the Western USA Regional Conference. A similar resolution "Genital Mutilations of Children and Unconsenting Adults" is rejected at the Northeast USA Regional Conference.
1981	AI holds its first formal discussion on female genital mutilation (FGM) at the International Council Meeting in Montreal, Canada.