



INTER-AFRICAN COMMITTEE ON TRADITIONAL PRACTICES (IAC)
Affecting the Health of Women and Children

COMITÉ INTER-AFRICAIN SUR LES PRATIQUES TRADITIONNELLES (CI-AF)
ayant effet sur la santé des femmes et des enfants

Dear Ines Laufer
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Many thanks for your Email and the feed back on terminology. As you know IAC uses the term FGM since this expresses rightly both the process and the result of the practice. The terminology has been accepted and adopted by Africans both formal meetings in Bamako and previously in Dakar, Addis Ababa and others this has been communicated to all our partners in the world the African Union the governments, WHO, UN special Rapporteurs use the same terminology , we fail to understand Why some organizations insist on using FGC /cutting, circumcision etc.

I would like to ask members of Taskforce organization to speak on behalf Inter- African Committee (IAC) on this matter and make our voices heard

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