



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

COMITÉ INTER-AFRICAIN SUR LES PRATIQUES TRADITIONNELLES (CI-AF)
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STATEMENT

We, the 29 African member countries and the 19 non-African affiliates of the Inter-African Committee on traditional practices affecting the health of women and children (IAC), highly appreciate the organization by Equality Now, End FGM/C U.S. Network, Safe Hands for Girls and U.S. Institute of Peace, of End Violence Against Girls: Summit on FGM/C, on the 1st and 2nd December 2016, in Washington D.C.

Although the Inter-African Committee in the United States (IAC-USA) is strongly involved in the preparation of this Summit, we also want to give our full support to the fight against female genital mutilation in Africa and in the rest of the world.

We take this opportunity to congratulate and encourage the American Government, the civil society organizations in the United States of America, as well as school and university organizations, for the considerable efforts made to end female genital mutilations in the United States and throughout the world.

Our concrete support to the Summit will be the participation of the Inter-African Committee Executive Director, Dr. Morissanda Kouyaté and three former circumcisers.

We would also like to reassure the organizers that the conclusions and recommendations of this Summit will be widely distributed within our pan-African and international network.

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