Statement from the Masorti (Conservative) movement supporting the German parliamentary resolution in favor of circumcision

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On behalf of the leaders of the Conservative/Masorti worldwide movement, we would like to commend the German parliament for supporting the rights of both Jews and Muslims to circumcise their male children as part of their religious faith.

The parliamentary resolution which stated "The Bundestag urges the government to propose a bill in autumn 2012 which, taking account of the constitutional values of child welfare, physical freedom from injury, religious freedom and parents' upbringing rights, ensures that the medically competent circumcision of boys without unnecessary pain remains basically permissible," is the correct response to the dangerous practice of trying to legislate belief and curtail freedom of religion.

We urge Chancellor Angela Merkel and the German Parliament to solidify this resolution into a law that will protect the rights of minorities and others living in Germany.

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