A proposal to allow scientists to genetically engineer “three-parent babies” will be delivered to the British Parliament for a vote next month, May 2014.

If approved, the U.K. would become the first country in the world to authorize scientists to manipulate the traits of future children.

This procedure would use biologically extreme techniques – some similar to those that produced Dolly, the cloned sheep – that are unsafe for women, as well as for future generations of children who would carry these manipulated traits.

The creation of “three-parent babies” could open the door to genetically modified designer children and biotechnological eugenics. This could alter the relationship between parents and children, making children more like “manufactured products,” and could even create different classes of human beings – those who are genetically modified and those who are not.

The genetic modification of children is currently prohibited by the laws of more than 40 countries and many international agreements. No one country should unilaterally breach this widespread consensus.

**What you can do:**

1. Attend Friday’s 11am session, *Genetically Modified Babies?* in the Port of Singapore Room, 3rd Level
2. Attend Friday’s 2 PM session, *Genetically Modified Babies?: Mobilizing for Global Action*, Salon B-A Level, to discuss this crucial issue & next steps for advocates for children
3. Add your voice to the effort to prevent a future in which children are genetically modified: visit [www.geneticsandsociety.org/GMbabies](http://www.geneticsandsociety.org/GMbabies)