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INTERNATIONAL FERTILITY FEDERATION COMMENT ON *HUMAN REPRODUCTION* SURVEY ON ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

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The journal *Human Reproduction* reports the results of a survey which shows that ART (Assisted Reproduction Technology) is now responsible for 250,000 babies being born worldwide every year. The IFFS (International Federation of Fertility Societies), which represents most of the world's fertility societies, has issued the following quote, which can be used as background material for any article on the *Human Reproduction* survey. This quote is embargoed to coincide with the *Human Reproduction* survey.

Professor Basil Tarlatzis (Thessaloniki, Greece), President of the IFFS (International Federation of Fertility Societies) said:

"This is good news, we welcome the report, and the findings that assisted reproduction is increasing, worldwide. The report highlights the different access to ART in different countries, and the variable success rates. The IFFS has a global education programme which aims to promote lower cost, but effective ART in countries with limited resources, and we've recently staged several workshops in places such as Iran, Tunisia, and China. This report shows that this work needs to continue.

At the same time, we are concerned to see the continued high incidence of multiple pregnancy, and we support the trend to reduce the number of replaced embryos".

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The International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) is the main international body representing national societies working in the fields of fertility and contraception. The IFFS has 57 member societies from all parts of the world. Since its founding in 1951, the IFFS has undertaken a wide range of activities to promote the science and clinical practice of fertility at an international level. The next IFFS World Congress will take place in Munich in 2010 (<http://www.iffs2010.com/invitation.html>) .

The IFFS can comment on any international issues relating to human reproduction. See: <http://www.iffs-reproduction.org/index.html>

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