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Boston, MA – Aggregating ten international reports tracking the use of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) the International Committee for the Monitoring of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ICMART) estimates that there have been 5 million babies born with the help of ART.

The first ART baby was born in 1978. By 1990, there had been an estimated 90,000 births worldwide. By 2000, estimates put the number at approximately 900,000. By 2007, it was estimated over 2.5 million children had been born using ART. Since 2007, it is estimated that approximately 1.5 million babies have been born using ART in countries who report their outcomes to ICMART, with another 900,000 in non-reporting countries.

IFFS Board member, Mr. Richard Kennedy said, “This comprehensive report confirms that we now have over 5 million babies born through Assisted Reproduction. More than that, it shows that half of them have been born in the last 6 years. The number of babies born through ART is now about the same as the population of a U.S. state such as Colorado, or a country such as Lebanon or Ireland. This is a great medical success story.”

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Representing more than 50 fertility societies from around the globe, the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) is the world’s principal international fertility organization. The IFFS was founded in 1951, and held its first congress in New York in 1953. The IFFS mission is to stimulate basic and clinical research, disseminate education and encourage superior clinical care of patients in infertility and reproductive medicine. Website: http://www.iffs-reproduction.org/

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine, founded in 1944, is an organization of more than 7,000 physicians, researchers, nurses, technicians and other professionals dedicated to advancing knowledge and expertise in reproductive biology. Affiliated societies include the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology, the Society for Male Reproduction and Urology, the Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, the Society of Reproductive Surgeons and the Society of Reproductive Biologists and Technologists.