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FERTILITY DECLINE: MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR WORLD POPULATION SIZE

Over the past decade, more and more developing countries have joined developed countries in seeing their fertility levels fall below replacement level – about two children per woman – challenging the assumption that there is some inherent magnet drawing populations to a replacement-level equilibrium. In this edition of World Chronicle, Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, talks about the socio-economic implications of this dramatic decline in fertility levels worldwide.

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