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+ am &onored to &ave t&e opportunit(to 2oin t&e panel discussion on fertilit(# reproductive &ealt&# and population c&an*e at t&e UNPD\$E 3 4) +n t&e brief note# + ill particularl(focus on t&e arrival of lo fertilit(# t&e reorientation of t&e famil(plannin* pro*ram# and mi*ration dominance in population d(namics as illustrated in t&e case of , &ina)

, &ina5s fertilit(as at t&e level around 1 to 6 c&ildren per oman durin* t&e 1/10s and 1/60s) As a response to t&e rapid population *ro t& of close to 6 percent per annum# t&e , &inese *overnment launc&ed a nation ide famil(plannin* pro*ram in t&e earl(1/70s) %&e decade of t&e 1/70s itnessed a dramatic decline in , &ina5s fertilit(# from 1)7/ in 1/70 to 2)71 in 1/7/# a reduction of more t&an &alf in a period of less t&an a decade) 4 ost of t&e reduction in fertilit(as due to presumabl(t&e aversion of t&e un anted c&ildbearin* at &i*& particularl(in urban areas)

Encoura*ed b(t&e ac&ievements of t&e fertilit(reduction &ile facin* an econom(at t&e ed*e of collapse# t&e *overnment decided to ti*&ten its fertilit(polic(to call for one c&ild per couple) 8 &ile, &ina5s total fertilit(rate -%9:. sta(ed around 2)1 c&ildren per oman durin* t&e 1/80s# an anal(sis of parit(pro*ression ratios revealed t&at reductions occurred particularl(amon* t&e &i*& parities bot& in urban and rural areas as ell as in remote re*ions); (t&e earl(1//0s# ,&ina5s fertilit(&ad furt&er fallen to t&e level belo t&e replacement)

: ecent several , &inese censuses &ave repeatedI(reported a ver(lo %9: one after anot&er# from 1)22 in 2000# 1)18 in 2010# and 1)01 in 2011# &ic& tri**ered endless debates and <uestionin* on <ualit(of data) %0 ta"e into account t&e possible statistical errors and underreportin*# man(studies &ave been carried out it& various alternative data sources and applied various available met&ods# and t&e ad2usted fertilit(tends to be 00 to 60 percent &i*&er t&an t&e ori*inalI(reported from t&e census# but still far belo t&e replacement) 4 oreover# it still s&o s a do n ard trend of fertilit(in , &ina) Evidence also su**ests t&e ea"enin* c&ildbearin* desire particularI(amon* t&e (oun*er *enerations) 3 iven t&e situation# t&e *overnment announced t&e partial rela'ation to allo t&e couples it& one spouse as a sin*le c&ild to &ave second c&ild in November 2016# and furt&er allo ed all t&e couples to &ave t o c&ildren in October 2011# &ic& declared t&e official endin* of t&e 61 (ears lon* one\$c&ild dominated polic(in , &ina)

A Decompositional anal(sis of c&an*es in %9: it& t&e census data su**ests t&at over t&e period of 2000\$2011# fertilit(rates amon* (oun* a*e *roups of t&e 20s s&o a do n ard trend indicatin*

postponement in c&ildbearin*# and fertilit(rates amon* older a*e *roups of t&e 60s s&o some increase indicatin* recuperation# particularI(s.75512(e)3.7436 -143ct0mptnt fs smemt su ttendms sc ftrii(sa

One point in the case is abortion) Abortion is harmful to omen phesicall (and psecholoricall and should be prevented and reduced be all means) 8 ith relation of the fertilit (polic) to allo for to children abortions due to polic (restriction or set selection become less the case but in fact increased be (one third from 6 millions durin* 2000\$2016 to / millions durin* 2010\$2016 accordin* to the hovernment statistics) One ethal planation is it mith be due to the mertin of the to statistics setters bethe en 4 and 9PP# but it still considers enormous hiven declinin female population in childbearin are at and the reduced number of births) 8 hills the abortions are still in hur number the causes of abortion mae have shifted from due to out of polic (prehancies to unprepared set amon the abandoned but stren the number the direct itself entirel (to provide hood and callit (services to meet the diversified needs of people in reproductive health and famil (plannin*)

tremendous in\$flo of people from outside rat&er t&