

(British version)

Your Holiness,

We the undersigned Nobel Laureates are conscious of the great responsibility borne by your Holiness in appraising and acting upon the advice offered by the Commission you have appointed to study the problems of population and fertility control. Because of the profound bearing of your decision on human welfare and happiness, now and for many years to come, we urge you to give due weight to the ever growing opinion which contends --

That the uncontrolled growth of population is a major evil of present times;

That unwanted children are a source of unhappiness, privation and distress; and --

That parents should be able to exercise the right to have, so far as possible, only that number of children which can be cared for and cherished.

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Max Born (German Federal Republic)

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