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NEW PRESIDENT OF THE OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The OECD Council has appointed Mr. Jean Bonvin as President of the OECD Development Centre, on the proposal of Secretary-General Jean-Claude Paye.

Born in 1934 at Chermignon in the Valais (Switzerland), Mr. Bonvin holds a degree and doctorate in economics from the Hochschule St. Gallen für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften (HSG) in Saint-Gall (Switzerland). He joined the Organisation in 1980 as Head of Research and, later, Director of the Development Centre.

From 1970 to 1979, Mr. Bonvin held a diplomatic post in Burundi. During this period, he set up the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences in Bujumbura, of which he was the dean, and also established a Research Centre in Applied Economics. Previously, he taught and carried out research at Paris University and at UNESCO's International Planning Institute from 1964 to 1970. Mr. Bonvin has also taught development economics and international economic relations at the Universities of Lille and Lausanne. He has devoted his career to North-South relations and has represented the Development Centre at many international conferences, especially in non-member countries.

Mr. Bonvin is married, with two children.

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