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NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED FOR OECD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

- Mr Alexander R. Love has been elected Chairman of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC). Mr Love is currently Counselor to the United States Agency for International Development (AID) and is responsible for broad policy and management operations. He takes up his duties on 2nd February 1991. Mr Love succeeds Mr Joseph C. Wheeler who has been Chairman of the DAC since January 1986.
- One of the OECD's principal Committees, the DAC seeks to improve the volume and effectiveness of the development assistance programmes of its 19 Members. It regularly reviews Members' aid programmes and policies, monitors aid and development trends and provides general orientations for Members' aid policies.
- Born in 1933, Mr Love graduated in 1957 with a BA degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and from Harvard Business School in 1961 with a Master's degree in business administration.
- Mr Love is a career civil servant who has worked for the US Federal Government for 30 years. His entire professional focus has been the administration of economic assistance to developing countries. He holds the personal rank of Career Minister, the highest Senior Foreign Service level in AID. His assignments included work on Asia and Africa, including a position as Regional Director in Nairobi. He restructured and expanded AID's operations in Africa, leading up to approval of new legislation which created the special Development Fund for Africa. Since 1987 he has been Counselor to the Agency.
- Mr Love is the recipient of numerous honours, including: The Presidential Distinguished Honor Award, the highest Foreign Service Award; Twice recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Honor Award, the second highest Foreign Service award; and The Luther H. Replogle Award for Management Improvement. Mr Love is the only AID professional to receive this distinguished award. It was made in recognition of his role in managing US relief and assistance to Africa during the 1984-85 drought.
- Mr Love is married to the former Marie Battista, also a 30-year career US Foreign Service Officer.

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