## AAC Chairman's Statement

It is a pleasure to submit this statement for the annual report. I wish to thank my Vice Chairman, Joshua Lederberg, and the Members of the Council for their support and assistance in what has been a most interesting and fulfilling year.

OTA has continued to perform as a first-rate analytical organization. Our 1991 review of four of OTA'S nine programs has reaffirmed our opinion that OTA'S staff and work product are very high. This applies to the quality of the work product, the experience and judgment of the staff, and the directions the agency is taking in the longer term.

The return on the Congress' investment in OTA is appreciable, and we strongly support appropriations to ensure that OTA continues to receive the resources it needs not only to maintain its staff, but also to tap outside expertise, This latter support is especially important for an agency that has a small staff but a diverse, variable agenda of analytical responsibilities.

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