The Governing Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1988/45 and addenda 1, 2, and 3),

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development to maintain its high rate of project implementation, and to hold down its support costs, but notes with concern the decrease in the overall volume of the Department's programme;

2. Urges the Department to increase its efforts to obtain funding primarily through grant funded programmes of the United Nations system, for technical assistance projects which respond to the most critical needs of developing countries, and to provide, within areas of its competence, services which promote self-reliance in accordance with the choices and priorities of developing countries;

3. Notes with appreciation the growth in that portion of the Department's programme funded by the United Nations Population Fund and expresses the hope that this trend will increase, bearing in mind the Department's expertise in data collection and population-related issues and the wishes of developing countries;
4. Welcomes the steps taken by the Department to promote greater use of project evaluation as a tool to augment the quality and effectiveness of technical co-operation as well as its sustainability and encourages the Department to continue other initiatives aimed at improving the timeliness and quality of projects;

5. Notes in this connection the Department's lead role in undertaking, on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a study on ways and means of improving the quality of experts, as well as the use by the Department of the full range of available expertise, including volunteers and national experts;

6. Welcomes the progress made in increasing the share of developing countries and under-utilized donor countries in the provision of equipment and sub-contracting, and urges renewed efforts in that direction;

7. Notes with appreciation the Secretary General's concern to maintain the current staff position in the Department as reflected in his recommendations to the General Assembly, and, bearing in mind the 30 per cent reduction of staff from 1983 to 1986, urges that any future cuts continue to be offset by posts funded by overhead costs in order to preserve the Department's technical expertise and competence in programmes of critical importance to developing countries;

8. Notes with satisfaction the role of the Department in the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 42/196, in providing sectoral, multisectoral and integrated advice to Governments, at their requests;

9. Reiterates the importance of promoting opportunities for greater co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, given the complementarity of their respective roles as funding and executing agencies and their common interest in ensuring that technical expertise available within the Department is used to the fullest extent possible in the service of developing countries, including round-table meetings and national technical co-operation assessment programmes;

10. Notes with appreciation the continued increase of the Department's programme in Africa and encourages the continuation of efforts by the Department in collaboration with its funding partners to implement programmes responding to priorities identified by requesting Governments, in accordance with the objectives of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;
11. **Urges** that efforts deployed by the United Nations Development Programme to mobilize funding for the Special Action Programme for Administration and Management be vigorously pursued, and endorses the role in assisting African countries to improve their managerial capabilities through training and institution-building;

12. **Recognizes** the importance of associating more fully the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, along with other agencies, as appropriate, in any new funding mechanism or facility where technical expertise and experience has already been acquired in support of a concerted effort to enhance economic management in developing countries and to avoid overlap;

13. **Recognizes** the Department's extensive expertise in all aspects of non-nuclear energy resources as well as in science and technology, and, bearing in mind the new arrangements, urges that full use be made of the in-house capabilities of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in support of the expanded role of the United Nations Development Programme in those fields;

14. **Welcomes** the continued support by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and requesting Governments, and expresses the hope that such efforts can be further increased.