The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on procurement from developing countries (DP/1988/20) and the procurement statistics provided subsequently;

2. Notes the increase in procurement from developing countries and the efforts which the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit, organizations of the United Nations system and Governments are making in this regard, and urges the United Nations Development Programme, the organizations and the Governments concerned to continue their efforts to improve the geographical distribution of procurement;

3. Agrees that the mandate of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit and its organizational arrangements be maintained;

4. Authorizes the continuation of one additional Professional post and one additional General Service post, which were approved in decision 87/43 of 19 June 1987 charged to the United Nations Development Programme support-cost line; and

5. Requests the Administrator to keep the staffing and budgetary needs of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit under review, and to make appropriate proposals for the consideration of the Council.