Maat’s statement on Part III (Articles 16-18 and Articles 19-21) – 24th Session WG on RtD

**Articles 16-18:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Regarding Article 16 subparagraph 2(f), Maat suggests adding “formal and non-formal” before the word “education” to ensure that women and girls are given access to both types of education as they are equally important for the realization of the right to development.

Regarding Article 17, we suggest merging subparagraph 2 and 3 to avoid repetition and so it would read “In accordance with international law, States Parties shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the Indigenous Peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them and prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources.”

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.