**Maat Association for Peace, Development and Human Rights proposal to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights regarding science and the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights**

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 Preamble

 In the context that Maat for peace promotes for human rights protected by international conventions In particular, the rights stipulated in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, it is pleased to present its general comment on Article 15, in recognition of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress in light of the challenges that guide countries to achieve Goal 4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Despite the significant progress made in accessing technical education and participation during the past years, there were 262 million children and young people between the ages of 6 and 17 who are still out of school and more than half of the children and adolescents The minimum reading proficiency standards will not meet in violation of Article 15, paragraph 2, related to the measures taken by states to maintain science and culture and their development, therefore this proposal contains a number of points that must be worked on by countries to achieve obligations to the right to scientific progress

# First: According to Paragraph (b), “To enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications"

 Countries should work to develop science and culture, and they should protect any moral and material interests resulting from the scientific, literary or artistic work of the person. And Countries must work to encourage international scientific and cultural cooperation in order to achieve the maximum benefit from the benefits of scientific progress and its application within society. Therefore, so Maat for peace proposes: -

* must work be done on effective plans and strategies for national development with regard to developing educational curricula in a manner commensurate with the rapid scientific progress and also to achieve what was referred to in paragraph (b) above. Maat Association proposes that states work to ensure gender equality through the process of equal opportunities based on the principles of non-discrimination to benefit from scientific progress.
* Maat Association also proposes increasing annual educational grants, especially for developing countries, in order to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda in order to benefit from the process of scientific progress.
* It should also provide the freedom necessary for scientific research within countries.

# Second: According to Paragraph 2 " The steps to be taken by the States Parties to the present Covenant to achieve the full realization of this right shall include those necessary for the conservation, the development and the diffusion of science and culture"

There is no doubt that the scientific discoveries and the relevant technological developments and applications open enormous prospects for the progress achieved thanks to the optimal use of science and scientific methods for the benefit of humanity. Therefore, Maat Association proposes to guarantee the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress

* must work be done on literacy, specifically job literacy is still a major challenge for countries, as more efforts are needed to eliminate illiteracy through formal and informal training and work on digital literacy.
* Also, the rapid social, political, environmental and economic changes as well as accelerated technological innovations have profound effects on education and training systems accordingly. Maat believes that there is a need for commitments to support lifelong learning opportunities for all to ensure the necessary competencies for personal development, decent work and sustainable development. Therefore, Maat Association suggests that Countries should work on educational institutions to provide children and youth with the competencies to be active citizens in democratic and sustainable societies.
* The Maat Association suggests that cultural diversity and multilingualism should be appreciated, so dialogue between different cultures must be done, and this is through training community members as well as countries ’work in professional and curriculum development.