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Dear Honourable Dr. José Manuel Canavarro,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Honourable Eun Soo Park, a member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and the chairperson of the Committee for People with Disabilities of the opposition Democratic Party, will visit Portugal between January 28th and 31st.

Mr. Eun Soo Park would like to take this opportunity to exchange views on policy for the handicapped of our two countries and strengthen the ties of cooperation between the Assemblies of the Republic of Korea and the Portuguese Republic. As such, I would like to request for your precious time to meet with Mr. Park, preferably in the morning of January 30th.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter. Please accept, Dr. José Manuel Canavarro, my best and most sincere regards.

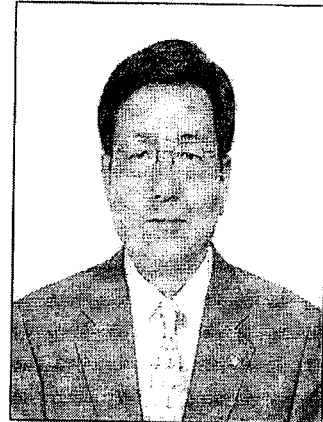
Enclosure: Mr. Eun Soo Park's Curriculum Vitae

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*Dr. José Manuel Canavarro
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Secretary General of the Assembly of the Republic*

Curriculum Vitae
Hon. PARK Eun Soo
Member of the National Assembly,
Republic of Korea
Attorney-at-Law



Date of Birth: September 15, 1956

Party Affiliation: Democratic Party (Proportional Representation)

Education

Ph.D., Graduate School of Social Welfare, Kangnam University

B.A., College of Law, Seoul National University

Keisung High School, Daegu, Korea

Parliamentary activities

- 2011- Member, National Assembly Special Committee on Revision of Pension Policy
Member, National Assembly Special Committee on Low Fertility and Aging
- 2010- Member, Health & Welfare Affairs Committee, National Assembly
- 2010 Member, Legislation and Judiciary Committee, National Assembly
- 2008- Member of the 18th National Assembly of the Republic of Korea (Democratic Party, Proportional Representation)
- 2008-2010 Member, Health, Welfare and Family Affairs Committee, National Assembly
- 2008-2010 Member, Gender Equality Committee, National Assembly

Political activities

- 2011- Chairperson, 5th Committee on Policy Planning and Coordination, Democratic Party (Labor, Health, Welfare, Family and Women)
- 2009-2010 Deputy Floor Leader, Democratic Party
- 2008- Chairperson, Committee for People with Disabilities, Democratic Party
- 2008-2010 Vice Chairperson, 5th Committee on Policy Planning and Coordination, Democratic Party (Labor, Health, Welfare, Family and Women)

Professional activities

2009-	Member, Korean Paralympics Committee
2004-2008	Director, Korea Employment Promotion Agency for the Disabled
1988-2004	Attorney-at-Law, PARK Eun Soo Law Firm and Baekdu Law, LLC
1986-1988	Judge of Masan Administrative Court
1983-1986	Judge of Daegu Administrative Court
1980	Passed the 22 nd Bar Examination

Publications

2009	A Study on Policy-making Process in the Disability Pension Act – From the Perspectives of Historical Institutionalism, Graduate School of Social Welfare, Kangnam University
2006	Essay titled I Like a Tearful Happy Ending, DESIGNHOUSE INC.

Episode

Although Hon. PARK passed the 22nd Bar Examination in 1980, he was left out of the appointment to the bench as judge on the ground that he had disabilities. As such, Hon. PARK appealed to the media on unjust treatment of the judiciary branch, resulting in garnering support of people from all walks of life including social leaders and starting on his legal career as judge of Daegu Administrative Court in 1983. After having served as judge in Daegu and Masan Administrative Court, Hon. PARK opened up his own practice as lawyer in Daegu in 1988.

While he was on the bench, there was a policeman who brought his son to most of Hon. PARK's trials. The policeman's son has a disability with his leg, but the policeman instilled confidence and courage into his son by showing him Hon. PARK on the bench as role model.

This episode is widely known among the legal circle as well as many scholars who stress the importance of having role models.