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*Senhor Presidente, Caros Membros do Grupo, Caros Colegas,
Caro Professor Sérvulo Correia,*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

IT IS my very real pleasure to be here today and to have the opportunity to say some words by way of honouring Professor Sérvulo Correia. I have known Professor Sérvulo Correia for about twenty years now, and I regard my association with him as one of the most wonderful aspects of my membership of the European Group of Public Law. As you have already heard from Professor Duarte, Professor Sérvulo Correia is a man of very great distinction, but also of humility and intellectual generosity. I am delighted to have the chance to explain why I think that those terms describe him perfectly.

I want to talk about the three ways in which I know Professor Sérvulo Correia. The first way is as my teacher; the second is as a scholar; and the third is my guide to the wonderful city of Lisbon.

Professor Sérvulo Correia as a teacher. This takes me back to 1996, when I was a student at the Academy of European Public Law. In fact, the Academy was at that time held in the building that we are now seated beside and in which the first four sessions of the Academy were held. It was during the second session that I met Professor Sérvulo Correia when we were studying aspects of the

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law of immigration and of the regulation of radio and television. Professor Sérvulo Correia taught us over the period of one week, where he led the classes and evaluated presentations that were given by the students. There are many things that I remember about Professor Sérvulo Correia and his approach to education. One was his tremendous capacity to distil and explain complex legal points - a characteristic that has doubtless been key to his career as one of Portugal's most distinguished legal practitioners. Another was the way in which he engaged students in the class, both in the context of his lectures and when students were making presentations as a part of the course at that time: his was a most patient and affirming manner. And a third thing that I remember was his self-evident commitment to the very idea of the Academy and what it seeks to achieve. You will all know that the Academy is intended to examine European public law principles in their national and supranational settings, and Professor Sérvulo was able to make those objectives come to life. I rather suspect that he was - and is - an exemplar of best practice for Professors not just at the Academy but in the field of public law more generally.

Professor Sérvulo Correia as a scholar. You have already heard about Professor Sérvulo Correia's huge contribution to scholarship from Professor Duarte - you know that he has written numerous books and articles. I want to take this opportunity to talk about only one of Professor Sérvulo Correia's many contributions, but it is a contribution that, in my opinion, says a great deal about the qualities that define his scholarship. The contribution in question is a chapter in a book that I co-edited with Professors Auby, Morison and Zwart, and which was published to honour the work of Professors Flogaitis and Timsit (so there is a happy point of overlap with this evening's events!). The book was titled *Values in Global Administrative Law*, and it was based upon papers that were given at a workshop in Paris in 2008 and which sought to examine the content and likely directions of global administrative law. Of course, as a co-editor of the resulting collection, I should not really identify what I regard as the best paper in the collection, but I am going to do so. Professor Sérvulo Correia's chapter was titled *Administrative Due*

or Fair Process: Different Paths in the Evolutionary Formation of a Global Principle and a Global Right. It sought to explain how, what we common law lawyers term as “fairness”, has taken shape in what is now the (arguable) body of global administrative law. However, it is not an essay about the common law, but rather a masterful comparative law analysis of the different legal traditions in Europe and beyond, and how those have elided with one another in contemporary society to give rise to principles of global significance. Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to know and understand the origins of the key principles of global administrative law, you need to read this chapter. It is an incredibly insightful account of how different legal traditions have shaped, and continue to shape, our contemporary and shared legal principles.

Professor Sérvulo Correia as a guide to Lisbon. This third way in which I know Professor Sérvulo Correia is, for me, perhaps the most enduring and important of the ways in which I do so. Like so many other members of the Group and past students at the Academy, I have benefited enormously from the network that has been created here in Greece. One of the ways in which I have done so has been by receiving invitations to teach in Lisbon. Those of you who have visited Lisbon will know that it truly is one of the most beautiful European cities, with a wonderful history and contemporary culture. However, I have been particularly fortunate because, each time I have been there, Professor Sérvulo Correia and Cheryl have invited me to join them for dinner and to spend time in some of the most beautiful parts of that most beautiful of cities. We have shared time in Tivoli Hotel in Ave Liberdade, Gambrinus, and also at Professor Sérvulo Correia’s home. We used the time not just to talk about public law but also, and more importantly, about points of personal interest and importance. Each time I have visited Lisbon, I have therefore been fortunate to spend time with a person who, for me, epitomises all of the personal and professional values that define the European Group of Public Law.

Caro Professor: Muito obrigado por toda a sua amizade e tudo o que me ensinou.