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Dear the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership,

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

Transparency International-Korea (henceforth, TI Korea), a non-governmental organization, was founded on August 24, 1999 through a coalition of civil organization with a purpose “To raise greater awareness in people, to eliminate the widespread corruption in the society, and to contribute in building a righteous society through anti-corruption activities.”

The Seoul Metropolitan Government has committed itself to implementing strong and concrete plans to fight against corruption in the public sector for many years.

In 2014, the “Seoul Metropolitan Government Public Sector Innovation Measures” (a.k.a. the Park Won Soon Act) were announced and a specific action plan was put in place. This act stipulates that public officials who receive even a mere KRW 1,000(USD 1\$) beyond their regular compensation or work-related expenses should be punished.

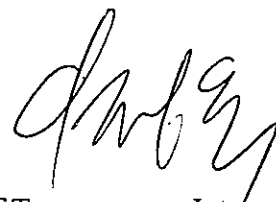
Since the implementation of the Park Won Soon Act, the number of crimes committed by public officials – acts in violation of the code of conduct set for Seoul City officials – dropped about 1/7 of the previous number, demonstrating that the harsh measure aimed at eradicating corruption and irregularities has led to a tangible reduction in the actual crime rate.

SMG is striving to further raise the performance of the act while improving the system by asking the Korean government to revise related legislation.

I believe that the SMG will uphold the value of the Open Government Partnership and does its best to promote transparency and openness in government while contributing to the initiative as an accountable member.

I would highly recommend the Seoul Metropolitan Government to be a participating city in the OGP pilot program.

Sincerely,



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