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Subject: Explanatory Statement for Supporting Documents

To the attention of the Admissions Committee 2026 Spring Scholarship Program Global Digital Transformation Leadership Program Seoul National University Seoul, Republic of Korea

Dear Members of the Admissions Committee,

I am writing this explanatory statement to clarify some specific points regarding my application for the 2026 Spring Scholarship Program at Seoul National University (Global Digital Transformation Leadership Program). Due to my current academic context and some administrative constraints in my home country, I would like to respectfully provide the following explanations:

- 1. **Regarding academic documents:** I have completed all my coursework and requirements for my Master's program in Artificial Intelligence and Computer Vision, which I am pursuing at Vietnam National University in Hanoi through a double-degree arrangement with the University of La Rochelle (France). I have already obtained my official Master 1 and Master 2 transcripts. What remains is the final thesis defense, which is expected between late July and mid-August 2025. To support this, I have included:
 - My internship agreement
 - Certificate issued to prove completion of all Master's courses in English

internship agreement was originally in French, and due to time and financial constraints, I translated them myself to support your understanding.

- 2. **Regarding the certificate of my nationality**: In the Democratic Republic of Congo, obtaining a national certificate of nationality is time-consuming and often delayed due to administrative complexities. Therefore, I have submitted my passport ID, which serves as an official and internationally recognized proof of my Congolese nationality.
- 3. **Regarding the certificate of my parents' nationality**: Unfortunately, my father passed away in a provincial region where retrieving official documents is difficult. I have included his death certificate. As for my mother, she does not possess a passport or a national certificate of nationality, as these are typically obtained only when one plans to travel abroad, and the cost can be a significant barrier. To confirm her Congolese nationality, I have submitted her officially certified birth certificate.
- 4. **Regarding the certificate of parent-child relationship**: In the D.R. Congo, obtaining a specific parent-child relationship certificate is often a long process. Based on local administrative advice, I have submitted my birth certificate, which is commonly accepted and certified in our national system as valid proof of the parent-child relationship.
- 5. **Regarding my professional background**: I am currently serving as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Kinshasa, and my relocation to Vietnam for this Master's program is part of my academic development plan. I am deeply committed to pursuing a PhD in a multilingual and international environment, especially in English. You will find attached the official letter from my university supporting this academic path.

I would like to sincerely emphasize how much this scholarship opportunity means to me. It represents not only a continuation of my academic journey but also a unique chance to grow and contribute within a global, innovation-driven context. I am fully committed and highly motivated to join your prestigious program.

Thank you very much for your time, understanding, and kind consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

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