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## DR PAULO LOWNDES MARQUES OBE

A distinguished member of the Anglo-Portuguese community, Dr. Paulo Lowndes Marques died in Lisbon on 1<sup>st</sup> January this year after a valiant and prolonged fight against illness.



Equally at home in Portugal and in the UK, Paulo was born in 1941, son of an English mother, authoress Susan Lowndes, and a Portuguese father, journalist Luís Marques.

He and his two sisters were educated at St Julian's School, Carcavelos, and he served with the Portuguese Navy in Angola from 1966 to 1969.

He received a degree in law from the University of Lisbon and later set up his own practice which achieved great renown in national and international circles.

Together with his lifelong friend and colleague, Professor Dr Diogo Freitas do Amaral, Paulo was a founder member of the CDS (now CDS-PP) and a friend of Adelino Amaro da Costa. He was Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in a government headed by Francisco Pinto Balsemão and worked in Brussels with Freitas do Amaral from 1981 to 1983.

From childhood Paulo Lowndes Marques was steeped in the history of Portugal and of Great Britain and the recording and preservation of the friendship between the two countries was one of his great passions. His recently published book *O Marquês de*

*Soveral - seu tempo e seu modo*, is a biography of perhaps the best-known Portuguese diplomat ever to grace the Court of St James's.

Paulo gave tremendous support to many British and Portuguese organizations as well as to individual members of the Anglo-Portuguese community. His cultural and diplomatic interests led to his becoming involved with many institutions: amongst others he was President of the World Monuments Fund Portugal, President of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce in the UK, an Honorary Vice-President of the Anglo-Portuguese Society and for 25 years the dynamic and passionately dedicated Chairman of the British Historical Society of Portugal. He will be remembered fondly for his great personal charm, his wide intellect and his sharp wit.

On 5<sup>th</sup> January this year a motion recalling his life and expressing sorrow at his death was passed unanimously by the *Assembleia da República*.

Paulo is survived by his wife Isabel, their son Filipe, daughter Susan and six grandchildren.