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To the invited scientists
to the Invitation Conference
on the Social Quality of Europe

concerns:
an extra announcement

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Dear participants,

With Alan Walker, chair of SISWO's former Working Group, I sent all of you the first announcement with respect to the invitation conference, starting in the evening of 8th June, 1997 in Amsterdam. When I did so, all the ideas and the necessary decisions from the side of the Dutch Government and the European Commission were not rounded off. Yet in the beginning of April the herewith related conclusions were made and we are happy to briefly present them here.

The conference has two parts. The first part is the invitation conference (see the invitation of the Dutch Ministry of Health and Sport: please, inform the Holland Organizing Centre **before 12 April!**). Its Guidance Board is responsible for this part. It will be concluded by the presentation of the **Recommendations** of the invitation conference (see plenary session, Tuesday, 12.00).

The second part will be on Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening, 8th June, 1997. Then we will present the 'Amsterdam Declaration on Social Quality of Europe' under responsibility of European scientists. Now we urgently invite all of you to attend a solemn presentation in the afternoon and to participate in a public festal symposium in the oldest church of Amsterdam. In principle, for all the participants the hotel accommodation has been reserved for Tuesday-night. Social scientists will publicly articulate their principal ideas with regard to the future of Europe. In other words, all of you are invited to be in Amsterdam from Sunday-evening till Wednesday-morning in order to participate in the first and second part of the conference.

In March, 1997 the Working Group has been changed into the '**European Foundation on Social Quality**'. The founding fathers are: Alan Walker (Sheffield), Jos Berghman (Tilburg), Kees Knipscheer (Amsterdam) and myself. This foundation will use the book and the results of the first and the second part of the conference to start an on-going dialogue in the next five years with European scientists and policy-makers in order to operationalize the plans announced in the synopsis of our book "Towards a Social Quality of Europe" (sent by the Ministry). This European Foundation is responsible for the second part of the conference. Cooperation will be delivered by the City of Amsterdam, the Amsterdam University and the Free University of Amsterdam. The Ministry sent all of you the first mail. In its second mail you will receive the programme of the second part as well. Please, it is important for us that we count on you attending on Tuesday afternoon and evening. With all the best wishes,

dr. Laurent J.G. van der Maesen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. J. G. van der Maesen".