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Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker  
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Dear President of the European Commission, Mr Juncker,

CESI, the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions, represents more than 40 member organisations with over five million affiliates.

We hereby kindly wish to request an invitation to the Social Summit in Gothenburg on November 17, 2017.

Since CESI is not a member of ETUC, the invitation of only the ETUC from the trade unions' side will mean that CESI is excluded from the conference.

In the spirit of the principles of minority rights, trade union pluralism and inclusive social dialogue, CESI stresses the importance of also inviting recognised sectoral social partners which may not belong to ETUC, CEEP, UEAPME or BUSINESSEUROPE.

Denying our 5 million worker affiliates the right to be represented at such major conference, on the occasion of which the Social Pillar shall be solemnly proclaimed, is neither socially inclusive nor sustainable.


A "social AAA-rating for the EU" will not be achieved if the door is closed to one of the most fervent supporters of that cause. And using social dialogue to cement closed-shop practices regarding the participation at relevant events can most certainly not reflect the spirit of a "new start".

For over 25 years, CESI has dedicated itself to the promotion of European integration and to the improvement of the living and working conditions of its members as well as of all workers in Europe – and we believe that such conference requires also the inclusion of the five million employees represented by us.

For you information, a similar letter has been sent to Mr Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden.

Looking forward to receiving your feedback, we remain

With kindest regards,



Romain Wolff  
(President)



Klaus Heeger  
(Secretary General)

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