EFF WISHES THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WORLD A REVOLUTIONARY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The EFF wishes the people of South Africa, Africa and the world a revolutionary merry Christmas. A revolutionary Christmas is one steeped in the founding message symbolized by the very occasion of the birth of Christ: a baby born in a stable, on a manger, to stranded migrant parents on transit to partake in a tax census.

Under these conditions, the birth of the Messiah immediately identifies with the poor and landless who are without access to healthcare, shelter, food, water and other basic needs. It is the duty of revolutionaries to mobilize this progressive reading of this symbolism against the capitalist, consumerist, egotistical, selfish, opulent performance of riches that has become the order of the day during festive seasons.

To remember Christ or his birth is to remember the poor, the inequalities and injustices of the capitalist order of things. Christmas is therefore by definition the day no one must sleep without food, shelter or sleep with animals as Jesus did when he was born. To remember his birth is to respond to the precarious conditions of his birth like the Shepards and the wise men from the east did: by gifting the less privileged, and standing in solidarity with them in their condition.

We therefore call on everyone to partake in the progressive revolutionary spirit of generosity and selflessness that Christmas truly represents. Let no one amongst us be stranded. Let there be no foreigner, isolated and pushed to live with animals in a stable; Let there be humanity, Ubuntu and dignity for all.
This message should also inspire all of humanity to work tirelessly, everyday to make the world a better place. To eradicate the modern day human stables caused by landlessness and capitalist gluttony; the slums-dwellers, shacks-dwellers in mining and industrial areas in absolute proximity to dumps and waste.

Finally, let us remember that Bethlehem, the historic city of Jesus' birth, is an occupied territory by the modern apartheid state of Israel. As we join hands to break bread together, we must remember that the Palestinian people are subjected to an inhumane system of oppression that has reduced their lives into animality; permanently living in a stable like conditions as those Jesus was born in.

We must remember that Palestinians have called on the international community to isolate the apartheid state of Israel through boycotts, divestments and sanctions, until they end their illegal occupation of Palestinian lands. Our freedom will truly never be complete, until Palestinian is free.

Revolutionary Merry Christmas to all.

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