



## EFF STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF FOOTBALL LEGEND DIEGO MARADONA

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The EFF passes its deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of footballing legend Diego Maradona. The Argentinian has been a global inspiration for young and impoverished youth, across the world, particularly the Global South.

Born in Argentina, Maradona's name became synonymous with flair, skill and passion. He led Argentina to great footballing achievements, namely leading them to glory in the 1986 FIFA World Cup. He has represented giants in the football fraternity, leading Barcelona and Napoli to domestic glory in Spain and Italy respectively.

Most notably, Diego Maradona was an ally of the left in Latin America. He is well documented to have been saved from ruin by the guidance of Fidel Castro and the sanctuary of his home away from home, Cuba. Maradona has been vilified for his persistent alliance to the anti-imperialism movement in Latin America, and his appreciation of the likes of Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Hugo Chavez, Evo Morales and Nicolas Maduro.

Maradona was a staunch advocate of football as a tool to fight against the imperialism of the United States, and ensured that he aired his views against imperialism wherever he took platform.

May Maradona not be remembered for his faults, but for his allegiance to the left and promotion of an independent Latin America. Maradona is a symbol that sports do not have to be a means to suppress the consciousness of people as in South Africa, but it can be a tool to elevate society towards a socialist future, with a more human face.

May his soul rest in revolutionary peace.

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