



EFF PRESS STATEMENT AHEAD OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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1. Thank you very much, our Spokesperson, the Officials, and members of the media. I see the former leadership of the EFF has also joined us today, and I saw the President of the Students Command as well.
2. The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) celebrates 10 Years Of Unbroken Struggle, as the year 2023 marks a decade since the formation of this radical, militant and selfless movement of the Left, which has re-ignited the politics of South Africa for the better.
3. The EFF was formed as a response to the cries of our people, in the face of the betrayal of the former liberation movement, which was emphasized by the massacre of 34-mineworkers in Marikana in defense of the profits of the white ruling class and international capital. It is a movement born out of that ultimate sacrifice, and we are proud to be seated here today in Uncle Toms Hall to mark 10 Years of honoring that sacrifice.
4. It was in this hall, on the 26th of July 2013 that delegates from all across South Africa gathered to answer the call of '**What Is To Be Done?**', as the reality dawned upon all activists that the struggle for the liberation of African people, had been betrayed. The delegates reflected on **the prevailing conditions in South Africa, which at the time included massive poverty, landlessness and the unchanged colonial divisions of labor.**
5. The delegates who gathered here at Uncle Toms Hall a decade ago, reflected that the political power obtained in 1994 was stripped of all its revolutionary content, and affirmed the rallying call that **Political Freedom Without**

Economic Freedom is meaningless. It was these delegates who here at Uncle Toms Hall declared that **Our Decision Is To Fight.**

6. It is now 10-Years later, and the conditions of our people remain the same, as they drown in massive unemployment, institutionalized corruption, and lack of basic services such as water, housing, healthcare, education and electricity. The delegates of The National Assembly On 'What Is To Be Done?' were indeed correct, when they made the following observations;
 - I. The **former liberation movement in office will never be a sustainable solution to South Africa's developmental problems** in the foreseeable future, owing to its ideological zigzags, and the open dominance of neoliberal and right-wing politics.
 - II. The **former liberation movement's integrity and credibility will gradually decline because it will not address the many massive developmental challenges** confronting society in the current status quo.
 - III. The **Congress-aligned left-wing formations have been swallowed into reform politics of patronage and will never regain integrity** to pursue real working class struggles any time soon.
 - IV. The **trade union movement** (which is supposed to defend workers' interests) **will soon be swallowed into the same politics of reform.** All those who push for a radical agenda will be isolated, banished and portrayed as antigovernment.
 - V. The majority of **people in informal settlements, townships, villages and other poor communities will disengage from mainstream politics and not vote in successive elections.**
 - VI. The **youth movement has been turned into a lapdog sent to repeat what the incumbent government leadership says.** Puppet youth leaders will be rewarded with Cabinet posts and other perks to sustain their puppet status.

VII. **Victimization of those who are suspected of being part of the political alternatives to the former liberation movement will increase**, with threats of arrest, assassination, and the possible manipulation of the justice system.

VIII. The **middle class will further drift away from the former liberation movement** and beef up the neoliberal alternative.

IX. **Service-delivery protests will intensify and workplace stoppages in the mines and on farms will also continue in higher volumes than before**, thus worsening the economic crisis South Africa is experiencing. Mine workers will become more militant and will fight struggles for their economic survival.

X. **Any form of generalized uprising will be harshly suppressed by the state machinery**, in an attempt to prevent it from escalating to a level where a sitting government can be toppled.

XI. The **youth will become more disgruntled under the leadership of the ANC** and like in previous elections; the youth will be **fed so many empty promises on education and jobs, which will never be created**, because there is no radical, convincing plan on how this can be done.

XII. **South Africa has been turned into a kleptocracy, with government leaders openly looting state resources**, pursuing self-enrichment, and classifying reports and processes that seek to expose such callous behaviour. Those close to political leaders will get richer and more corrupt because they will know that, like them, they are immune from prosecution.

7. These assessments were made by the EFF ten (10) years ago in this very hall, **AND ALL OF THEM HAVE PROVEN TO BE TRUE!**

8. Despite this, the EFF has proven to be the only vibrant opposition that has challenged the rot in South Africa, and enriched our democracy, and today we mark 10-Years of proving all of our doomsayers wrong.

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9. As part of celebrating these our 10th Anniversary, the EFF has embarked on a journey of restoring the dignity of our people through numerous campaigns and programs. These programs encourage servant-leadership, service delivery and developing a love for our people.
10. The EFF launched the **Andries Tatane Clean-Up Campaign, in honor of the memory of Andries Tatane who was killed in Ficksburg in the Free State in 2011, for demanding services in his community.** The EFF's Clean Up campaign entailed the removing of illegal dumping sites in our communities, and fixing of sewage leakages, which pose a health hazard to our people.
11. This **campaign, which is held every Saturday has led to various political parties and municipalities embarking on cleaning campaigns,** an initiative we are proud of as it shows that the EFF leads, and others follow.
12. The EFF further launched its **Councilor Of The Month Campaign,** where EFF Councilors who exhibit selfless leadership in uplifting their communities and intervening in service delivery challenges, are rewarded with R50 000 to use for a developmental initiative of their choice in their wards.
13. Further to this, the EFF has hosted birthday celebrations across all the provinces of South Africa, in Old Age Homes, Orphanages, and Facilities for the Disabled, as part of an outreach program that shows that as an organization, we belong to the most helpless in our society. This organization of the poorest of the poor, has **donated to institutions that take care of those who are the most fragile in our society, essentials such as solar panels, infrastructure improvements, kitchen essentials, water purification**

systems and groceries. These interventions have been made at the following centers;

- a) Elkana Childcare Centre in the Western Cape
- b) Zanele Mtshali Disabilities Home in Gauteng
- c) Mogalakwena Hospice in Limpopo
- d) Siyonqoba Day Care For Disabled Children In Mpumalanga
- e) Entokozweni Children and Elderly Care Centre in KwaZulu-Natal
- f) Bokamoso ba bana Children Centre in the Free State
- g) Ekuphumleni Old Age Home in the Eastern Cape

14. The EFF will still visit **Legae Motheo Child and Youth Care Centre in the North West** and **Kgomotsego Old Age Centre in the Northern Cape**, to make more meaningful contributions in the lives of the vulnerable, as that is the character of the EFF. We encourage all members of society to assist these institutions with any form of donations, to help them continue with the good work they are doing.

15. The EFF **has donated R100 000 to all orphanages, old age homes and centers for the disabled we have visited**, on top of the improvements we have made to these centers. We will appoint a full-time social development manager to make sure that all the adopted NGO's and NPO's are properly coordinated and given the necessary support.

16. Over the past few months, the EFF has been show-casing the Stage Play **Leruo**, across all provinces of South Africa to teach our people about the history

of the EFF in a theatric format. This **incredible artistic expression of the revolution, has been a great success and a lesson of how neglected the arts are in South Africa, as many areas do not have theaters** in South Africa.

17. In Limpopo, there is not even a single thing that looks like a Theatre.
18. As part of cultivating a culture of learning, reading, and writing, the EFF Launched the **EFF Essay Competition**, wherein learners from grade 10 – 12 were encouraged to write essays in any of South Africa's Official Languages. The EFF **received a total of 144 essays, with 11 Official Languages and all 9 provinces were represented**. The EFF salutes all the young people who took time to study the history of the EFF and express themselves through written work. The EFF will give a R40 000 reward for each winning essay in each Official language.
19. The EFF also launched the **EFF Poetry Competition**, where all poets were invited to submits poems reflecting on the 10-Years existence of the EFF, to stand a chance of winning R50 000. The **EFF has received 360 poems, with 10 Official Languages represented**, and we commend all those who take pride in the art of poetry for participating in this initiative to promote their craft.
20. All essays and poems **will be marked by independent highly qualified assessors**, and the winners will be announced on the 27th of July 2023 at the Gala Dinner of the EFF to be held at the Emperor's Palace.
21. We are pleased to announce to the people of South Africa that **we have received a total of 100 cows**, as part of the donations made to the EFF ahead of the 10th Anniversary Rally. These cows come as an appreciation from people from all walks of life, of the life of the EFF and what this mighty organization has done for them.

22. We further extend our deepest gratitude to all those who donated and continue to donate to the EFF through our SMS Donations platform, through the Online Donation platform, and those who have donated groceries – your efforts have shaken the enemy who does not want the revolution to be funded. The revolution must be financed, so continue donating more and shame all those devils who want the EFF to fail.
23. The EFF has further **launched the 5th Jazz Hour Album to mark the 10th Anniversary of the EFF**. The album consists of **25 songs**, which range from the **traditional revolutionary songs, jazz, Afro-beats, Bacardi and Amapiano and Gospel music**. We encourage all of our people to **download the album for free on the EFF Website: effonline.org**. Music is a central part of the revolution, and we must always celebrate it.
24. The EFF 10th Anniversary Rally will be an occasion to be celebrated by all sectors of society and distinguished guests, and we have invited **Representatives from Diplomatic Embassies, International Guests, Leaders Of Different Political Parties, Union Leadership, Traditional Leadership, Leadership of Churches and the Business Sector, Prominent Members of Society, the Structures of the EFF across the continent, and the EFF Students Command**.
25. In our 10th Anniversary month, the EFF will host numerous community meetings, to invite our people to the celebrations of this glorious movement. Further to this, the **EFF will host and participate in the following programs**, as part of a build-up to the 10th Anniversary Rally of the EFF at FNB Stadium, on the 29th of July 2023;
- a. Today, we will host a **Commemorative Walk** from Uncle Toms Hall to Hector Pietersen Memorial Square, to observe 10-Years since the decision was taken to form this gallant movement of the poor.

- b. We will further today have an **address at Hector Pietersen Memorial Square**, to reflect on the journey we have taken since we gathered on the square in 2013 and pay tribute to the brave youth of 1976 which continues to inspire us.
- c. The EFF will this afternoon at 15:00, **host an Exhibition at Uncle Toms Hall**, which will depict the 10-Year history of the EFF and all of the trials, tribulations and successes we have achieved in our Decade Of Unbroken Struggle
- d. On the 14th of July 2023, the EFF will form part of a media engagement titled '**A Frank Dialogue**', led by Dr JJ Tabane. In this dialogue, various editors will receive an opportunity to engage with the President of the EFF uncensored and reflect on the 10-Year journey of the organization.
- e. On the 22nd of July 2023, **the EFF will host an EFF Carnival**, which will begin at Alexandra Stadium in Johannesburg and proceed throughout Sandton, to mark the festive nature of the EFF ahead of the great Red Festival of the Poor on the 29th of July 2023.
- f. The **EFF will host a Public Lecture at the University of Cape Town** on the 24th of July 2023, to be addressed by esteemed Pan-Africanist scholar, P.L.O Lumumba. This lecture will give a succinct history of the EFF and link the struggles this gallant organization has championed, to struggles for liberation throughout the history of Africa.
- g. As an organization that owes its existence to the sacrifice of the brave miners of Marikana, the **EFF will host a 10th Anniversary Birthday Celebration at Marikana** on the 26th of July 2023, to pay tribute to those brave workers who showed us what it means to be brave, and fight for African dignity. But equally, 10-years ago, the EFF was launched there through its Public Launch.
- h. **On the 27th of July 2023, the EFF will host an exclusive Dinner**, at the Emperor's Palace in order to engage with the business sector and appraise

them of the policies of the EFF as a government in waiting, that will preside over them in 2024.

- i. **On the 28th of July 2023 the EFF will have a similar engagement with the Diplomatic Community, in the form of a Diplomatic Breakfast**, where various embassies will form part of an engagement with the EFF on domestic and international issues of significance.
26. All of these events will culminate in the greatest celebration of the left on the 29th of July 2023, at FNB Stadium, which will be full to capacity to mark 10-Years Of Unbroken Struggle. All the people of South Africa are invited to form part of this historic occasion and celebrate the role the EFF has played in their lives on the day, by interacting with the EFF on social media, and sharing their moments, but equally, by participating in their numbers at the FNB Stadium.

On Public Representatives and Buses To the 10th Anniversary

27. **On the 31st of January 2023, the EFF gave a directive to all of its Public Representatives**, from Councilors, Members of Provincial Legislatures and Members of Parliament, **to arrange transportation for their constituencies** to attend the 10th Anniversary Rally of the EFF at FNB Stadium.
28. This directive was given to ensure that Public Representatives bring those that they claim to represent, to the celebrations of the EFF and to ensure that the people of South Africa from all across South Africa are part of this historic occasion.
29. **The final deadline for the submission** of these reports on transportation organized by Public Representatives **was the 30th of June 2023**, and no extensions will be granted moving forward.
30. **Out of the total number of buses expected** from Public Representatives, **which was 3 258**, the EFF has received confirmation of **1 324 buses** from

Public Representatives, which will make their way to FNB Stadium from the length and breadth of South Africa.

31. We commend all those who have complied with the organizational directive without fail. All those **Public Representatives who failed to comply** with this directive, including those who are **Members of the Central Command Team and War Council of the EFF**, are effectively **prohibited from attending the 10th Anniversary Rally at the FNB Stadium.**
32. The EFF **will publish the names of all Public Representatives who are banished from attending the 10th Anniversary Rally, on Tuesday, 11 July 2023 after their respective bus lists are verified. Action will be taken against them immediately after the rally, irrespective of the position they hold in public and in the EFF.**
33. The EFF will also host a **Gala Dinner**, and all **Officials of the EFF, Central Command Team Members, Members of Parliament, and Members of Provincial Legislatures** are expected to sell tables of the Gala Dinner. Should they fail to do so, **their names will also be published to the public.**

On the Acting Public Protector Report

34. The **EFF rejects the nonsensical report into** the crimes committed by Cyril Ramaphosa at and in relation to **Phala Phala Farm**, which was issued by an imposter in the Office of the Public Protector, Kholeka Gcaleka.
35. The **report is a laughable attempt at exonerating** the sole director of Ntaba Nyoni Trust **Cyril Ramaphosa, from generating profit from the very same business he controls.** It is an illogical document, that is at odds with the statutes that regulate the Executive and undermines the mandate of the Office of the Public Protector.
36. The soundest **report, which was produced by Former Chief Justice Sandile Ngcobo known as the Section 89 Independent Panel Report**

remains unchallenged, objective, and true. It is this report that found that there is a basis to establish an impeachment committee in accordance with the Constitution of South Africa, on the fact that the President may have committed the following violations;

- a. A serious violation of sections 96(2)(a) of the Constitution.
 - b. A serious violation of section 34(1) of PRECCA.
 - c. Serious misconduct in that the President violated section 96(2)(b) by acting in a way that is inconsistent with his office.
 - d. Serious misconduct in that the President violated section 96(2)(b) of the Constitution by exposing himself to a situation involving a conflict between his official responsibilities and his private business.
37. **The claim by Gcaleka, that there is no conflict of interest in a President engaging in the exchange of millions of foreign currencies, without any declaration to the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) or consideration of the Executive Members Ethics Act (EMEA), is a sign that a lowly puppet is occupying the Office of the Public Protector.**
38. **The report rather seeks to place the blame of the exchange of undeclared currency, the storage of this currency in sofas and mattresses, and the rogue investigation which resulted in abduction, torture, and bribery, on the employees of Ramaphosa, as if his employees would act with the complete ignorance of their principle.** It is a report that is not worth the paper it is written on, and must be rejected by all sound-minded South Africans.
39. **The EFF will explore legal and legislative measures to revisit the Section 89 Independent Panel Report, which was rejected by the ANC caucus in Parliament.** The report compiled by Former Chief Justice Sandile Ngcobo was rejected in Parliament under the pretense that the report is being reviewed in the judiciary.

40. After the ANC abused its majority in Parliament to hide corruption, **Ramaphosa then proceeded to withdraw his court challenge of the Phala Phala Report, on the basis that Parliament had rejected the report, revealing a rotten collusion within the ruling party to bury the Phala Phala saga, by lying to the nation and Parliament.** Even their own Former President Thabo Mbeki condemned them, for misusing their Parliament majority, to avoid accountability.

41. The tactics to bury the Phala Phala saga, most recently through a nonsensical report by an ambitious Acting Public Protector, who seeks to piggy-back her way to a permanent post in the Office of the Public Protector, will not work. **The EFF will never allow careerism to undermine the fight against corruption, despite Ramaphosa's attempts to compromise the sacred Chapter 9 institutions and the Judiciary.**

On The Assault By VIP Protection Unit On Civilians

42. The EFF condemns the vicious attack on motorists in Johannesburg, Gauteng, by what has now been confirmed to be the VIP Protection Unit of the Deputy President of South Africa, Paul Mashatile.

43. **The abuse of power by these VIP Protectors on a public road, reveals a deep-seated abuse of power by members of the South African Police Services (SAPS), which the EFF has always warned against. It is this type of behavior that has been normalized in the South African Parliament,** where members of the elite detail of SAPS, think they are above the law, and can assault citizens and even Public Representatives with impunity.

44. We call for the immediate **dismissal of all those members of the VIP Protection Unit who committed these violent acts, and for their certificates as Police Officers to be revoked by the SAPS Academy.** We further call on the Fire Arms Control Unit of SAPS to revoke their Fire Arm certificates.
45. South Africa must never be allowed to degenerate into a mafia state, where public sector policing is characterized by violence and abuse of citizens.

On International Conditions

46. The EFF **wishes the people of Zimbabwe well on the upcoming National Elections which will happen on the 23rd of August 2023.** The Elections mark a critical opportunity for the people of Zimbabwe to elect a government of their choice, to uplift the nation from the poverty that today defines what was once known as the breadbasket of Africa.
47. We call on the incumbent **ZANU-PF to resist the urge to practice violence against its political opponents, and from any form of intimidation of citizens to coerce their vote.** Zimbabwe needs to enter an era of political tolerance that is not defined by the history of violence and suppression, but the possibility of peace, prosperity, and continental unity.
48. We call on all Zimbabweans who are here in South Africa to go back home and vote. If it means coming back, they can come back, they are more than welcomed – but they must do the right thing and go and vote. No one is going to fight for Zimbabweans who are loitering the streets here. They are their own liberators. For once they must take responsibility and get into buses and go home and vote.
49. Zimbabweans are called upon to go home and vote, and stop blaming other people for their own misfortunes which they have got solutions to – and that solution is August 23, 2023, where they will vote for a government of their

choice which will restore peace and prosperity in that beautiful country. If they need help to go back home to go and vote, they must approach the EFF Offices. We will be more than happy to rent buses for them to go home and vote.

50. The EFF reiterates its support for a **peaceful resolution to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which is perpetuated by the insistence of the NATO War Alliance to undermine the territorial integrity of Russia**, and the peace treaties reached at the end of the Cold War in 1989.

51. The EFF maintains that the **conflict** between the two nations, **is a renewed attempt by forces of imperialism** who belong to NATO, **to establish political and military influence in Eastern Europe** and all over the world.

52. We are concerned by the treatment of the African Peace Mission to Ukraine and Russia, by NATO-aligned Poland which effectively held South African journalists' hostage on a plane for three days, prohibiting them from covering the mission. It is our firm belief that this was done to intimidate South Africa out of its non-aligned position in relation to the war, a clear sign of interference by NATO in South African foreign policy.

53. The EFF reiterates that **we will welcome President Vladimir Putin to South Africa during the BRICS Summit, and condemns the political intolerance and childishness of those in the ruling party, who seek to subvert the invitation of the EFF leadership to the BRICS summit**. It is patently clear that the EFF is an important voice in the global affairs of society, and to undermine calls for its presence at BRICS is nothing but political jealousy.

On Support For Banyana Banyana

54. The EFF wishes the pride of Africa, Banyana Banyana well as they head to the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. **Banyana Banyana represent sporting excellence as winners of the Women's**

African Cup Of Nations (WAFCON) in 2022 and must be supported in their fight for dignity against the male-led and politicized South African Football Association (SAFA).

55. We reiterate our call for **Banyana Banyana to receive equal pay as their male counterparts and the necessary bonuses for their participation and progression in the World Cup. Banyana Banyana must continue to resist the political tricks of those who lead SAFA and the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture**, and we salute them for their spirit of resistance such as when they refused to play on a sub-standard pitch against Botswana most recently.

56. We wish Banyana Banyana well and may they bring the trophy home!

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