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TRIBUTE TO KING PELE!



Following the passing of Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known as Pelé, on 29 December 2022 at the age of 82 in a hospital in Sao Paulo,

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, is distraught and hereby conveys its sincere condolences to the entire world sports community and to the biological family of the world football legend.

After receiving the sad news, ANOCA President, the Honorable Mustapha Berraf, IOC member, said:

«We are saddened by the passing of King Pele. He was an iconic athlete, talented and so great that he revolutionised football and indeed sport. He was the consummate athlete who embraced the values of Olympism. His memory lives on!





Pele was named Athlete of the 20th Century by the International Olympic Committee. His performances remain exceptional. He won three FIFA World Cups and received multiple awards and accolades.

He was a historical landmark for the African Olympic movement, which is paying him a well-deserved tribute today. The 54 National Olympic Committees of Africa express their gratitude and call on all of Africa to



hail King Pelè's great work.

The entire African Olympic and Sports Movement will mourn him and light the Olympic flame in his memory.



