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Mr Artur De Almeida
President
Federação Angolana de Futebol

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In memory of Paulo António Alves

Dear President,

I would like to express my sincerest and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Paulo António Alves, also known as Paulão. Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel for this loss.

During his career, Paulão was capped more than 50 times by Angola, and participated in the 1996 CAF Africa Cup of Nations. At club level, having started his career in Angola, he soon moved to Portugal to play with Vitória FC, Sport Lisboa e Benfica, Académica and SC Espinho, before returning to his homeland to play with Atlético Petróleos Luanda and Atlético Sport Aviação.

His legacy and trajectory on and off the pitch will never be forgotten, and he will be truly missed.

On behalf of the international football community, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Federação Angolana de Futebol, and to Paulão's family, friends and loved ones. Our thoughts are with all of you.

We hope that these memories and our words of support may help bring some peace and solace at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Gianni Infantino