



## CLAUDIO CORDONE

### SECRETARY GENERAL *ad interim*



Claudio Cordone is Amnesty International's Secretary General *ad interim*, leading the organization's work for human rights around the world.

With more than 25 years experience in human rights, having held a number of senior positions at Amnesty International, Claudio Cordone took up his current role in January 2010 having been responsible for the organization's research and country work as Senior Director for Research and Regional Programmes since 2004.

As Senior Director for Research and Regional Programmes, Claudio Cordone acted as the main political adviser to the Secretary General and directed Amnesty International's country and regional strategies. He oversaw Amnesty International's response to crisis situations, including Sudan, Georgia, Lebanon, Gaza and Iran.

Claudio Cordone's areas of expertise cover international relations, international human rights and humanitarian law. He is also an expert on the Middle East and North Africa region, international organizations and Amnesty International's history.

Among the senior positions Claudio Cordone has held within Amnesty International are Director of the Policy Unit and Senior Director for International Law and Organizations. He began working for Amnesty International as a researcher on the Middle East and North Africa in 1985 and covered human rights issues in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Yemen and Lebanon.

Between 1997 and 1998, during a leave of absence from Amnesty International, he set up the Human Rights Office of the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, responsible for human rights investigations as part of the programme of police reform in the country.

He has a degree in law from Rome University, Italy, and an MA in Arab Studies from Georgetown University, USA. He is an Italian national.

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