



## **DONATIONS OF STOCKS AND SECURITIES**

Thank you for requesting information on how to make a donation of stocks or securities to Amnesty International. Donating appreciated publicly-listed securities, such as stocks, bonds or mutual fund units can be a tax-smart way of supporting Amnesty International and investing in human rights worldwide.

There can be significant tax advantages in donating your stocks or mutual fund units directly to a charity like Amnesty International, rather than selling the shares and donating the proceeds. As a result of the 2006 Federal Budget, you now get a full exemption from *any* capital gains tax when you donate securities directly to a charity. You will also receive a charitable tax credit for the full value of the donation.

We hope you will decide to make a gift of securities to Amnesty International. Now more than ever before, this is a highly tax-effective gift option, whether given today or in the future through a bequest in your will.

### ***How to make a gift of securities:***

If you are considering a gift of securities to Amnesty, we recommend that you discuss your plans with your financial advisor before proceeding with the gift.

### **If your securities are held in a brokerage account:**

Please contact your broker to arrange for the transfer to Amnesty International's account with RBC Dominion Securities. Your broker will have you sign an authorization to transfer securities, and the securities you are donating will be electronically transferred to Amnesty's account.

Your broker should contact RBC Dominion Securities at 613-566-7648 (Mark Smyth) or 613-566-7632 (Michael Pallett) for the information needed to complete the form.

### **If you hold the securities as a share certificate:**

You will need to sign a Stock Power of Attorney to re-register the shares in the name of Amnesty International - Canadian Section (English Speaking). You must sign the form exactly as the shares are registered. For example, if the shares are registered as John B. Smith, then you must sign John B. Smith. Your signature must also be witnessed. You should also sign the cover letter requesting the transfer.

Please send the Stock Certificate, Power of Attorney document and transfer request care of: Gordon Mair, Director of Finance and Administration, Amnesty International, 312 Laurier Avenue East, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1H9.

### **Finalizing the transfer:**

Once you have made arrangements to transfer the securities to Amnesty International, please contact **Lorena Harrison at (416) 363-9933 ext.335 or lharrison@amnesty.ca and provide us with: your name, address, telephone number or e-mail address**; the type of security, and the number of units that you are donating. We require this information in order to monitor the transaction and issue a tax receipt.

Once the transfer is complete, a charitable tax receipt will be issued to you based on the full market value of the security on the day that it is received in Amnesty's account.

If you deal with the Royal Bank, it is recommended that you have the documents sent via inter-bank mail from your Royal Bank branch instead of using Canada Post.

*Please note that stock transfers do take some time to complete. You should factor the time delay into your financial planning if making your gift towards the end of the calendar year.*

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