



The inclusion of people with disabilities in disaster preparedness and response in the light of the UNCRPD

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*What is
the
UNCRPD
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UNCRPD =

*United Nations Convention for the Rights
of Persons with Disabilities*

*Convention des Nations Unies relative
aux Droits des Personnes Handicapées*

13 December 2006

**Adoption of the UNCRPD by the
General Assembly**



Why a new Convention?

15% *of the population worldwide*

No 'new' rights

*To promote and protect the rights
of people with disabilities*

What is Disability?

No definition in the UNCRPD

But recognition of:

Social **and** physical **barriers**

On equal **basis**

Participation **in society**



**CHANGE
AHEAD**

Paradigm shift

From **'medical-care model'**

To **'social rights model'**

Basic principles UNCRPD

Inherent dignity

Non-discrimination

Participation

Accessibility

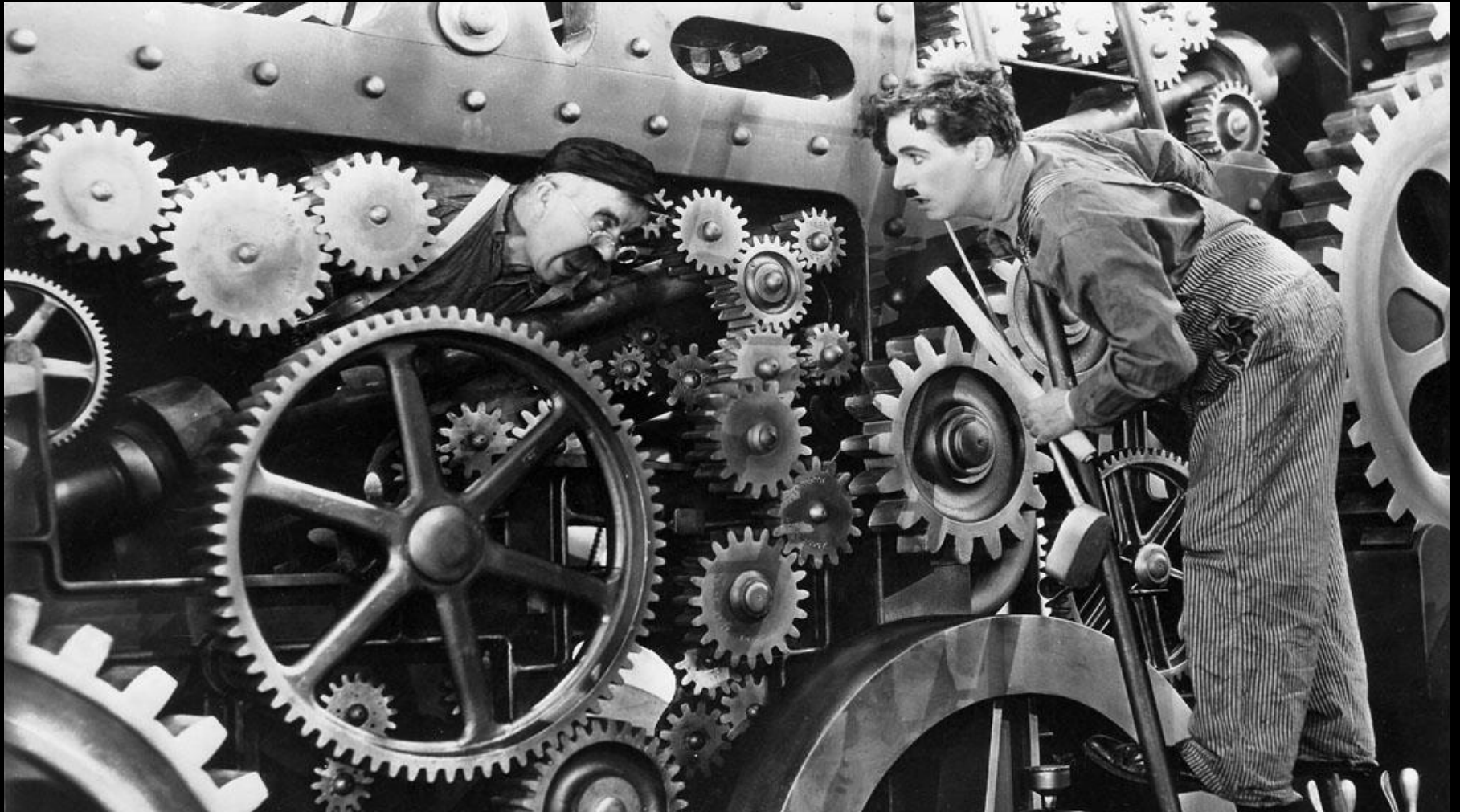
Individual autonomy

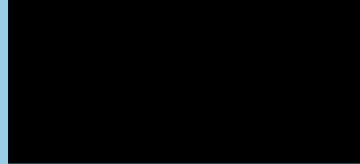
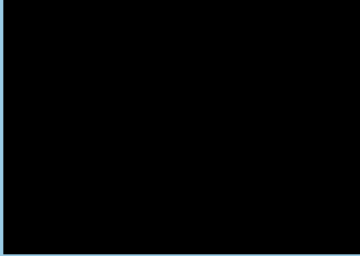
Equality of opportunity *Equality men-women*

Respect for difference

Respect for children with disabilities

Handistreaming





Human rights in the UNCRPD



Consultation & Involvement *of civil society*



***“Nothing about us
without us”***

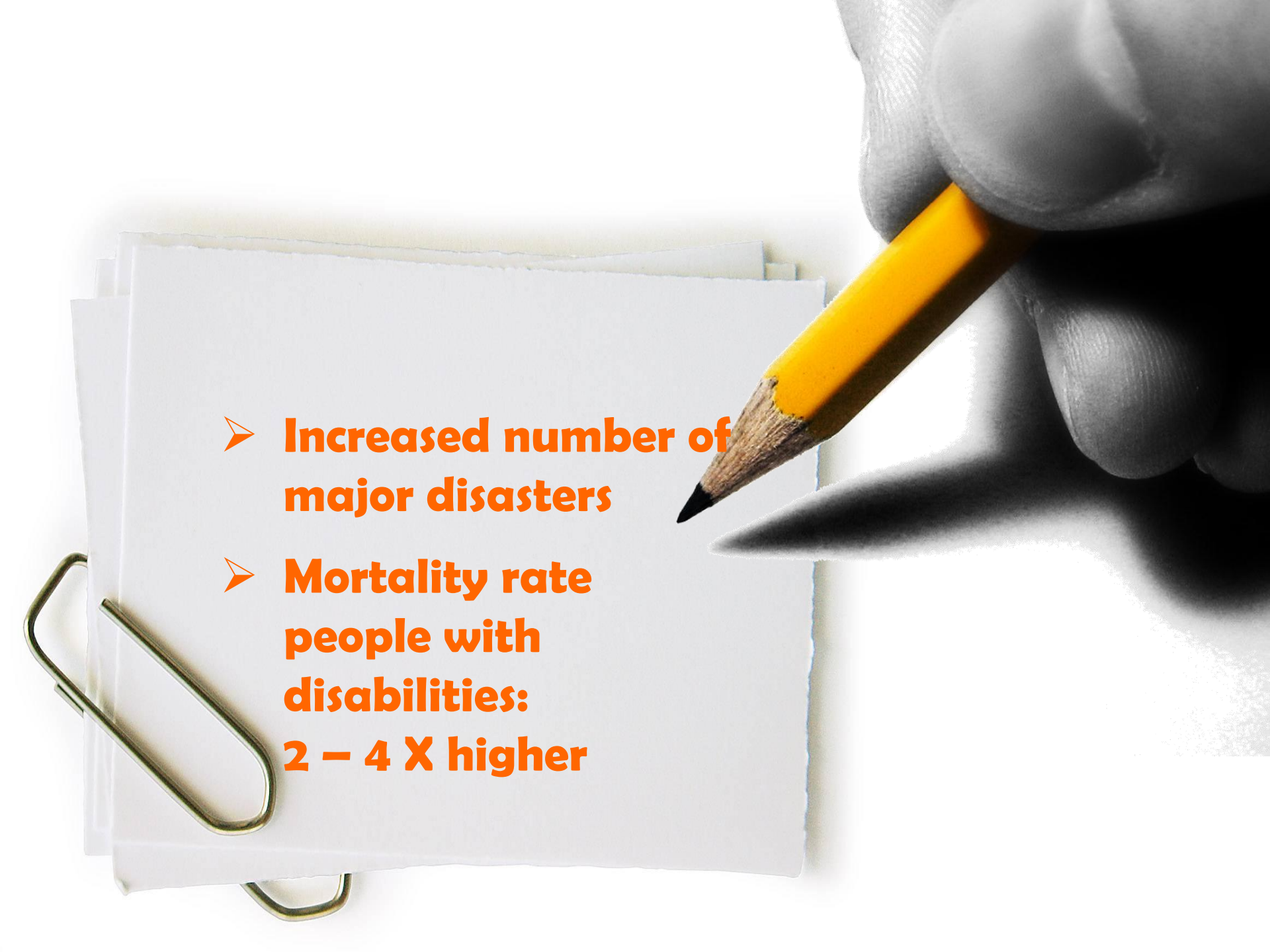


Obligations ?



Tsunami in 2004



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- **Increased number of major disasters**
 - **Mortality rate people with disabilities: 2 – 4 X higher**

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Article 11

**Situations of risk and
humanitarian emergencies**

Situations of risks and humanitarian emergencies

Protection people with disabilities

Risks

Humanitarian emergencies

Natural disasters

Safety people with disabilities

Armed conflict

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Guidelines

- **Inclusion of people with disabilities in national emergency protocols**
- **Humanitarian aid must be accessible (sanitation – latrine facilities)**

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Article 32

International cooperation

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Inclusive international cooperation

Capacity building

Research

*Technical and economic
assistance*

*Accessible international
cooperation*

Scientific and technical knowledge

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Guidelines

- **International cooperation must be inclusive and accessible**
- **Donor funds must be properly used (examples, numbers, percentages)**
- **Participation in design, development, evaluation of programmes**

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Guidelines

- **Affirmative-action measures**
- **Mainstreamed actions**
- **Facilitating and supporting capacity building**

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Recommendations ?



Committee on the

Rights of Persons with Disabilities





Final observations

***Committee
UNCRPD***



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Article 11

- **Provide necessary support in the event of a disaster**
- **Include provisions to guarantee security and protection of people with disabilities**
- **Disaster risk reduction must be fully accessible and disability inclusive**

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Article 11

- **Involve people with disabilities in elaboration, implementation and evaluation of action plans**
- **Develop and enforce accessible alert systems and protocols**
- **Organize training for rescue and emergency personnel**

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Article 32

- **Share good practices**
- **Mainstream actions**
- **Integrate disability rights-based perspective**

Inclusion saves lives







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