

Implementing the UNCRPD



Disability and Disaster preparedness

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*Inclusion of people
with disabilities in
disaster
preparedness
Response in the light of
the **UNCRPD***

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Agenda



1. ***What is UNCRPD?***
2. ***General principles***
3. ***UNCRPD and Disasters***
- Obligations

*What is
the
UNCRPD*
?



UNCRPD =

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

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*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**

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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



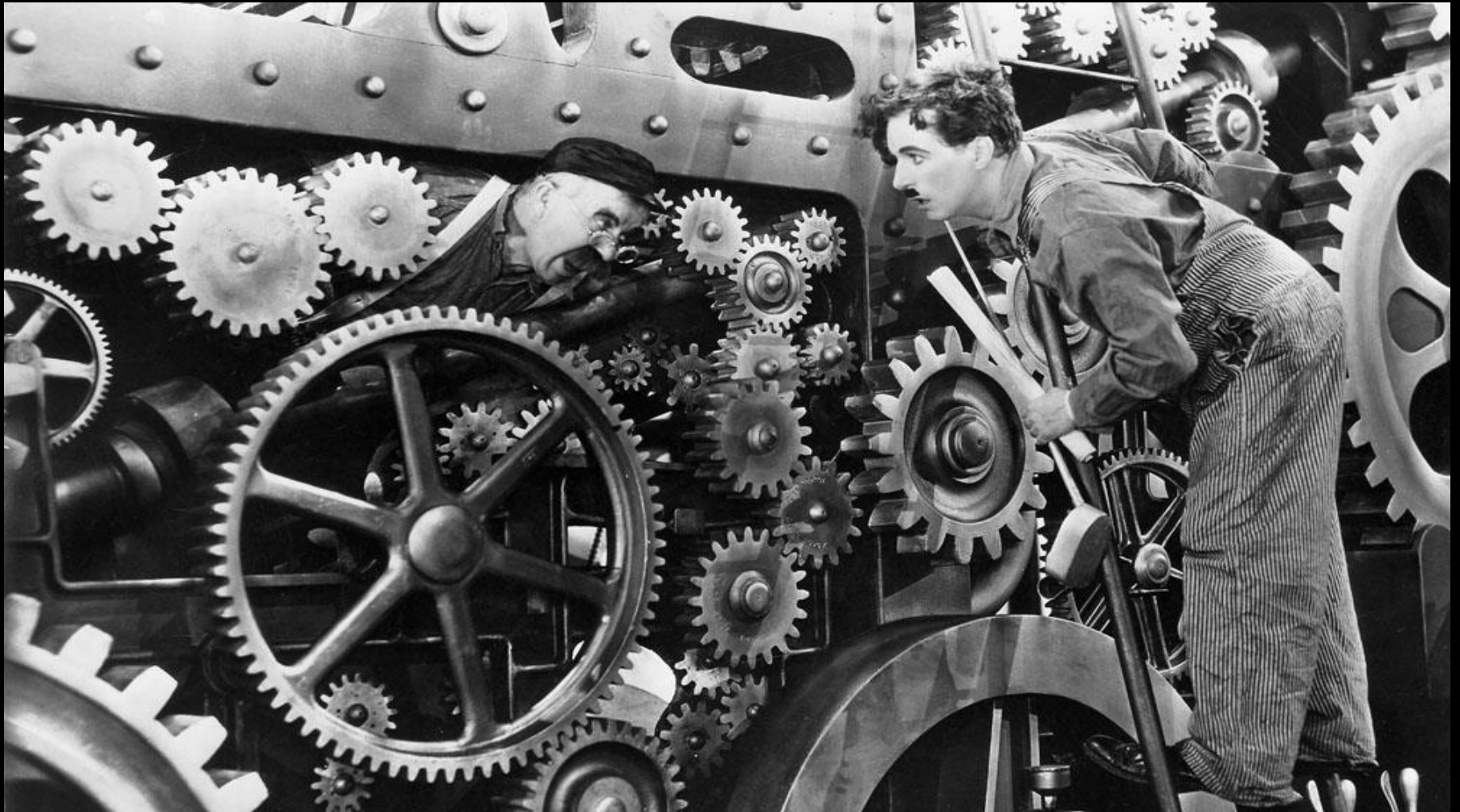
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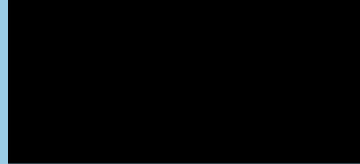
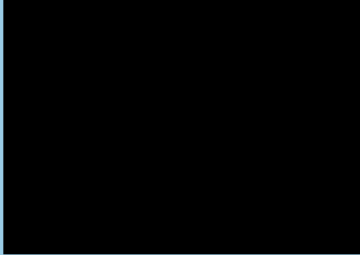
Paradigm shift

From **'medical-care model'**

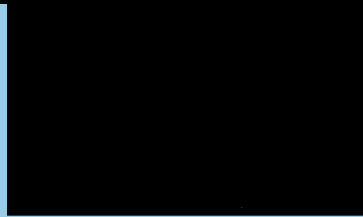
To **'social rights model'**

Handistreaming





Human rights in the UNCRPD



Inclusion



Consultation & Involvement *of civil society*



***“Nothing about us
without us”***



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UNCRPD
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Obligations ?



Tsunami in 2004



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- A close-up photograph of a hand holding a yellow pencil, pointing it towards a list on a piece of white paper. The paper is held by a metal paperclip on the left. The background is white.
- **Increased number of major disasters**
 - **Mortality rate people with disabilities:
2 – 4 x higher**

UNCRPPD

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

Guidelines

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

UNCRPD

Article 32

International cooperation

International cooperation

Inclusive international cooperation

Capacity building

Research

*Technical and economic
assistance*



*Accessible international
cooperation*

Scientific and technical knowledge

Guidelines

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

Guidelines

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

UNCRPD
and
DISASTERS
Recommendations ?



Committee on the

Rights of Persons with Disabilities

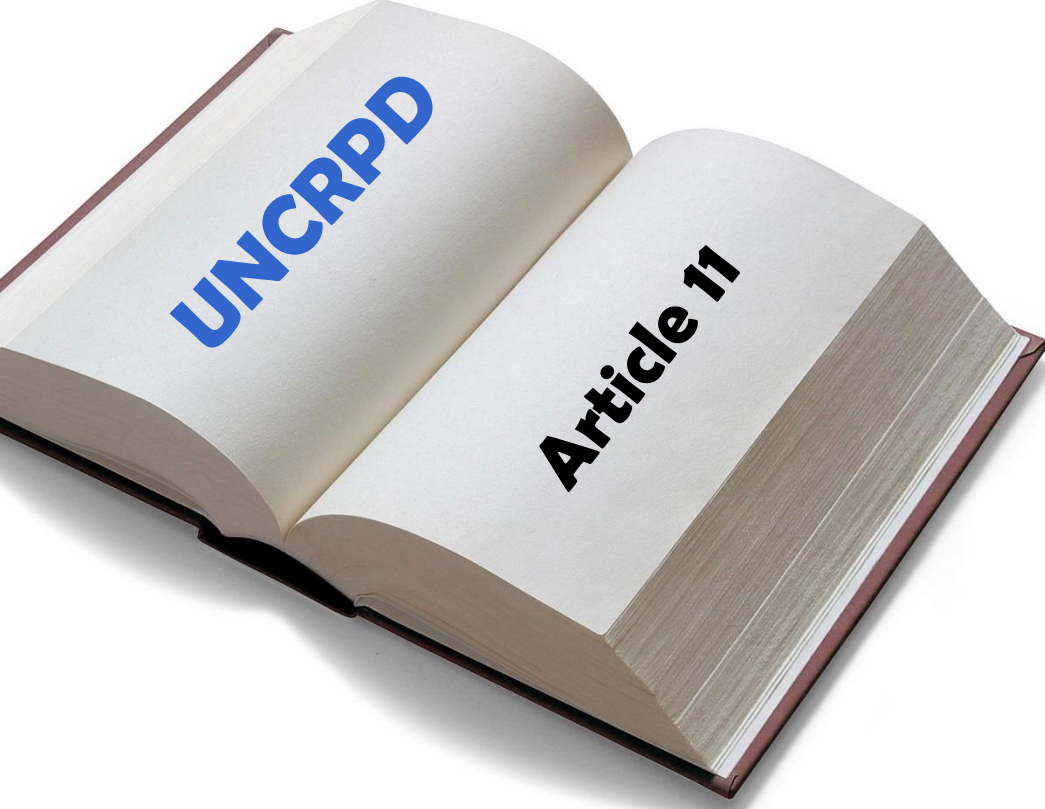




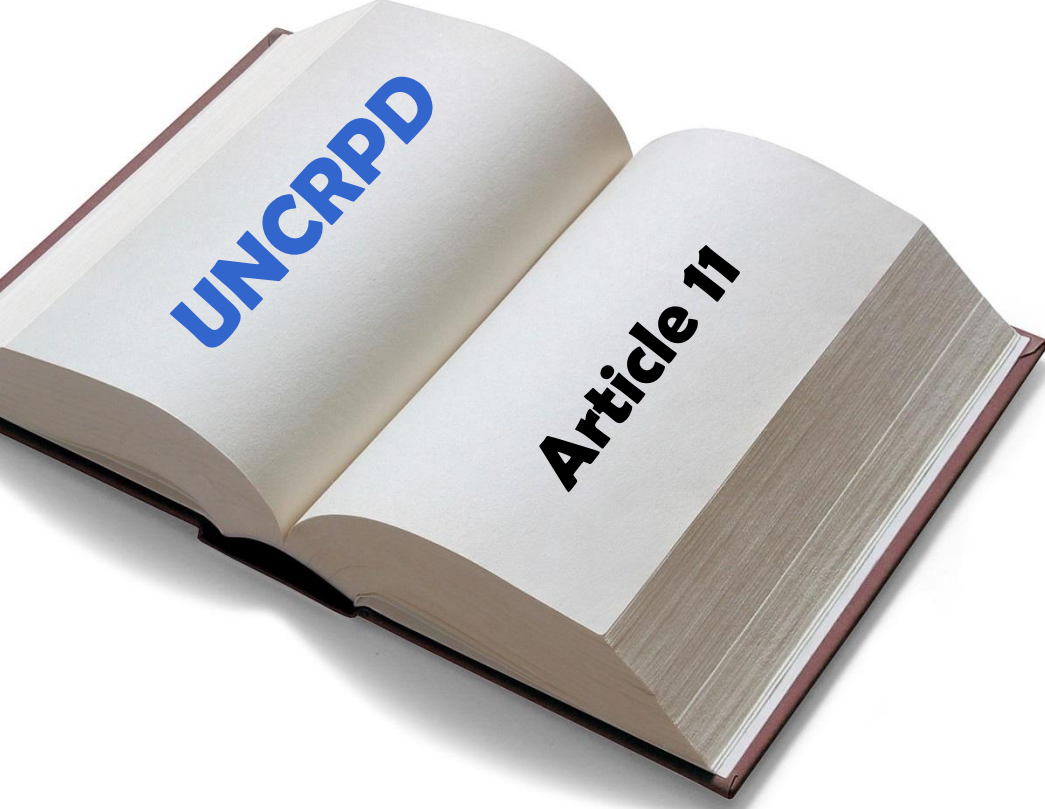
Final observations

***Committee
UNCRPD***

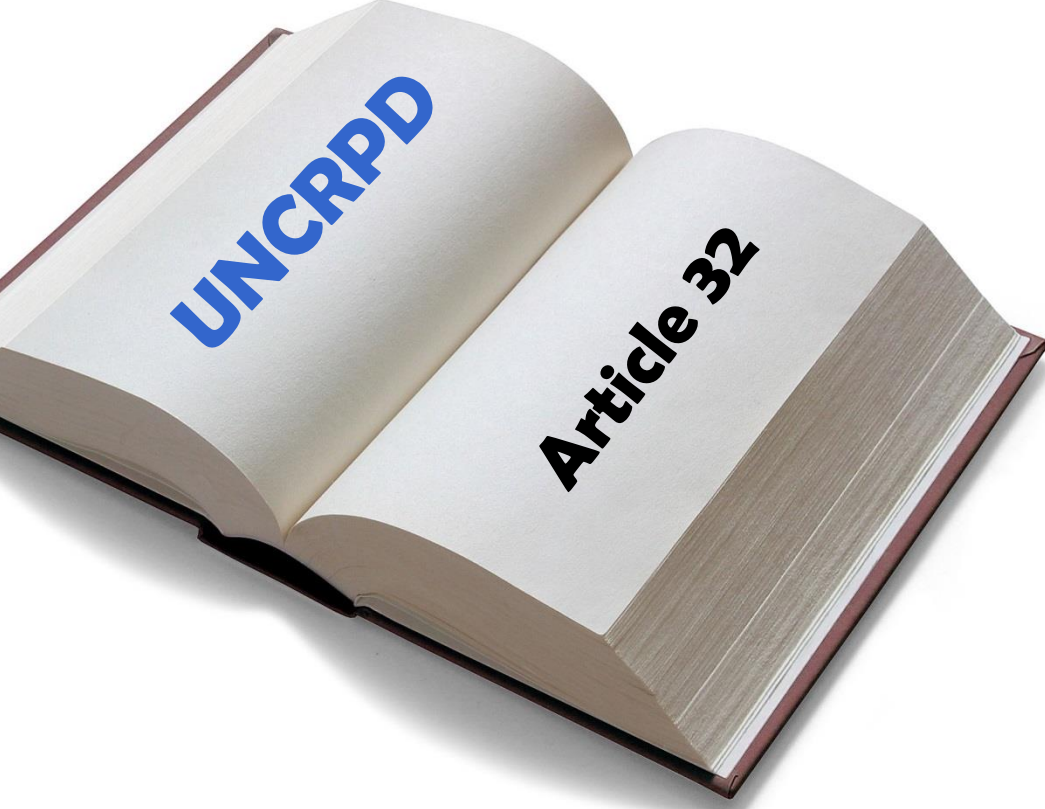




- **Provide necessary support in the event of a disaster**
- **Include provisions to guarantee security and protection of people with disabilities**
- **Disaster risk reduction must be fully accessible and disability inclusive**



- **Involve people with disabilities**
- **Develop and enforce accessible alert systems and protocols**
- **Organize training**



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

Inclusion saves lives





For more information ...

- **Website SPF Social Security :**

- NL : http://socialsecurity.fgov.be/nl/nieuws-publicaties/publicaties/vn_rechten_personen_handicap.htm
- FR : http://socialsecurity.fgov.be/fr/nieuws-publicaties/publicaties/vn_rechten_personen_handicap.htm

- **Website United Nations :**

- EN : <http://www.un.org/disabilities/>
- Country specific information:
<http://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crpd/pages/crpdindex.aspx>





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