Diapositive 1

The international Human rights instruments

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Diapositive 2

1. General Human rights texts

- Non-legally binding text:
  - Universal declaration of Human rights
- Legally binding texts:
  - 2 covenants
  - 7 conventions + the **Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities**

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Diapositive 3

2. Texts directly linked to disability

- The disability issue has already been addressed by the UN in non-legally binding texts:
  - Several resolutions of the General Assembly (1971)
  - World programme of action (1982)
  - Standards rules on the equalization of opportunities (1993)

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Diapositive 4

➢ Standards rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities:

- All human beings are equal in rights
- However, they are not equal in fact

Aim of the Standards rules: to promote the equalization of opportunities to reach equality in fact.

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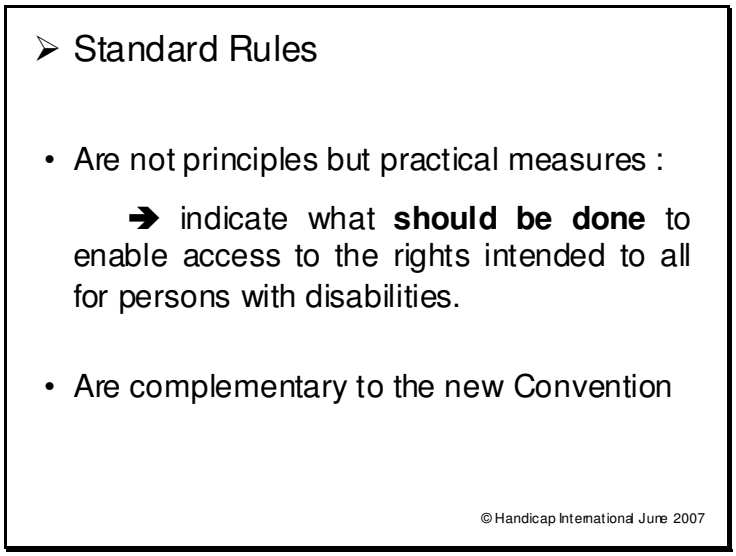
Diapositive 5



Diapositive 6

➢ **Conclusion**:

• Persons with disabilities are often invisible (socially and legally)

• Their marginalization is linked to the refusal to see them

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• International Law does not efficiently protect the rights of persons with disabilities

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