

In 1945 the United States of America bombed the Japanese cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, at the end of World War II. Today it is now known that the act was an American demonstration of power but, at the time, the bombing was supported by many people in America. About one hundred and fifty people lost their lives for a demonstration of power. About one hundred and fifty people died in agony, because of a war they were not part of.

Nowadays, without global conflicts like a World War, bombs are still being developed and becoming even more destructive. We don't know when and where these bombs are going to be used, but it scares the world population. If a president wanted to show their power again he could use one of his bombs and destroy a whole continent, killing millions of innocents. In a perfect, ideal world, leaders would give up their nuclear weapons and solve problems with diplomacy. In the real world, real life, nations could prevent this type of destruction by regulating the use of nuclear technology.

The bombs have destroyed lots of lives through the years since they were developed to kill. Specialists say that the very existence of nuclear weapons is a threat to future generations and, indeed, to the survival of humanity. "Nuclear weapons are the most terrifying weapons ever invented: no weapon has greater destructive power and causes such indescribable human suffering." says the International Committee of the Red Cross. Philosophers believe that giving people the power to destroy one another is dangerous for humanity and nevertheless, we still let presidents, commandants, governance, own this type of power threatening our lives every day.

It's important to understand that it is not just lives that are at risk; this type of technology puts Earth's biodiversity at risk too. According to research promoted by BBC News Brazil, a nuclear war could cause lasting damage to our planet. It could severely disrupt the ecosystem and reduce global temperatures, causing food shortages worldwide. For nuclear weapons, there are two types of damage: momentary and long-term destruction. Momentary is what can be seen the bomb doing: killing, burning, destroying. And the long-term destruction is the eternal damage that the chemicals leave in the air, soil and in our body. So, the bombs not only destroy in the moment, but they keep causing damage through time. Many people that survived the nuclear attacks in Hiroshima and Nagasaki developed several health problems and the environment took decades to start its normal cycle again.

There are many types of regulations around the world: laws and rules that have to be followed. There are regulations saying that a person can't steal at a store or violate human rights. Therefore, there should be a regulation saying nuclear bombs can't be used. After all that is known about the bad consequences of the nuclear weapons, it's obviously dangerous. That's why on January 12 2021, the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force, becoming international law. Nuclear weapons are now unlawful to possess, develop, deploy, test, use, or threaten to use. With this treaty, it's possible to say the world is starting the process of protection against atomic bombs.