**The erosion of the non-proliferation regime: causes and consequences**

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Nuclear weapons officially entered in the human history in August of 1945, when the destructive power of two nuclear bombs, dropped by a US B29 bomber, and razed the two Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki causing destruction and death. Since that tragic event the nuclear dossier has been a hot topic and after more than 80 years it is far from being closed. It is a fact that the NPT, over the course of over 50 years, has allowed a significant reduction in nuclear warheads, but in recent decades, due to the erosion of trust in multilateral international agreements and recent technological discoveries applied in the military field, the architecture of nuclear disarmament seems to be serious danger.