



26 September 2014 – There are over 17,000 nuclear weapons in the arsenals of world today.

Be they a remnant of the Cold War arms race or the results of later build up, many countries still retain, or are associated with, nuclear weapons. Globally, more than half of the total population still lives in countries that either have such weapons or are members of nuclear alliances.

The pursuit of total nuclear disarmament is one of the UN's oldest goals. Subject of the first resolution ever passed by the [General Assembly](#) ; the peril of nuclear weapons was shown following the catastrophic use of nuclear power in World War II. Yet, as the 69th General Assembly is currently underway, not one nuclear weapon has been physically destroyed pursuant to a treaty, bilateral or multilateral, and no nuclear disarmament negotiations are underway.

