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No matter what else happened this year, 2021 was always going to be a milestone for our movement, after the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force on Jan 22, 2021, making nuclear weapons finally illegal under international law. That in itself is an achievement that was many decades in the making.

But of course we could not stop there.

Throughout this year, ICAN campaigners have achieved incredible successes that have increased the impact of this treaty and built up the stigma against these weapons of mass destruction. To name a few:

- 127 financial institutions **stopped investing** in companies producing nuclear weapons in 2021, with many institutions citing the treaty's entry into force and the risk of a negative public perception as reasons for the change in their investment policies.
- Norway and Germany announced that they will **attend the TPNW's first Meeting of States Parties as observers**, making them the first NATO states (and in Germany's case, a nuclear weapon-hosting state) to break through the nuclear-armed states' pressure against the Treaty.
- Welcoming the 8 new states parties that have joined the treaty, and helping many other states that are so far along their domestic process we know they will be joining in the coming months!
- New York City calling on the US government to join the treaty - and on its Comptroller to divest the public pension funds from companies tied to nuclear weapons.

You can learn more about these victories (and many others) [here!](#)