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Doomsday Clock Announcement amidst new opportunities to progress nuclear disarmament

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The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists will reveal the new time of the [Doomsday Clock tonight](#) at 2am (10am EST on 27 January). At 100 seconds to midnight, it is currently as close to "midnight" as it has ever been.

During the last week, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force and the new Biden Administration announced the bilateral 5-year extension of the NewSTART agreement with Russia. [These two developments](#) represent a new direction for global efforts for nuclear disarmament.

With 86 signatories and 52 states parties, the entry into force of the TPNW entrenches the illegality and illegitimacy of nuclear weapons under international law. It provides a legal pathway for nuclear-armed states to eliminate their arsenals. Australia has not signed or ratified the Treaty, however the Australian Labor Party has [committed](#) to do so in government.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was founded in Melbourne and was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its role in achieving the TPNW.

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