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Dear friends,

As this year is starting to wrap up, we wanted to let you know what's going to be in our calendar for 2017.

While the resolution has not yet passed the full General Assembly vote (still expected just before Christmas), we are not expecting the voting pattern to change drastically.

Therefore, it's important to start making plans for next year already now. We want to let you know what we're planning to organize next year, so you can coordinate with your national plans.

In **January**, we'll start working to ensure our governments commit to attend the negotiations. Here at ICAN we will start sending out a series of action alerts and background material to help you lobby your government, your parliamentarians, other stakeholders and reach out to media ahead of the negotiations. There will also be an organizational meeting for the negotiations, likely at the end of January. It will mainly be focused on procedural

issues, so we won't be encouraging campaigners to travel to New York for this meeting. Save your resources for the negotiations!!

Between **10-17 February**, ICAN will organize a **global week of action** to raise awareness of the ban treaty negotiations and to pressure our governments to commit to negotiate a strong and robust treaty that bans nuclear weapons. This will be a great time to make some noise about the negotiations and get your government, your parliamentarians and media ready for negotiations. We hope to see advocacy events, public actions and media coverage in all 99 countries that ICAN has partner organisations in! We will send out more information, tools and key messages early next year.

On **25-26 March**, the weekend before the first negotiating conference in New York, we'll organize an ICAN campaign meeting for all campaigners that are coming to New York. At the meeting, we'll go through our strategy, advocacy plans, communications and media plans to get everyone ready for the negotiations. We haven't confirmed a venue yet, but it will be somewhere in New York, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

On 27-31 March, the first session of the negotiating conference will take place in New York. It's our hope that ICAN will be there in full force, so we really encourage you to come if it's possible. We'll coordinate our lobby efforts and work together to get a strong start of the treaty

negotiations.

Based on what's happening in New York during the first session, we will try to schedule regional events and other activities in **April-May**. More information about this will come later on.

On **15 June – 7 July**, the second and main session of the negotiating conference will take place. This will really be one of the most significant meetings in our campaign, and we're going to need as many campaigners in New York during these weeks as possible. We will organize campaign meetings and strategy sessions throughout the session, but we're not planning to add additional days to an already long time in New York.

New York is notoriously expensive, and we are going to need a lot of resources to ensure that we are present and strong throughout the negotiations. ICAN will try to negotiate a good rate at a hotel close to the UN, but we encourage you to make efforts to find cheap places on your own to make sure you can be in New York for as much as possible of the negotiating meetings.

This is a once in a lifetime chance for us to achieve something very significant and we want to make sure we spare no efforts in our work to get the best treaty possible. So we really want to urge all partner organisation to fundraise as much as possible to ensure that your

organization can be present and active throughout these negotiations and carry out the needed work to get your governments to ban nuclear weapons.

So put these dates in your calendar and start making plans for how we are going to achieve a strong treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons next year!

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