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But there is another element which provides food for thought in the case of radiological weapons, and that is the possibility that an agreement may be reached to ban chemical weapons. Some students of military science argue that many of the functions for which chemical weapons were developed can be carried out by radiological weapons. This includes the fact that radiological weapons can contaminate the ground in a military manoeuvre aimed at carrying out a quick offensive, can protect the attacker's flanks and would be capable of disorganizing the enemy's logistics, in the same way as chemical weapons. One may well think, therefore, that once a treaty is in force on the prohibition of the latter, there would be a greater incentive to resolve the problems that radiological weapons currently seem to present.