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attached importance. Indeed in this respect the Swedish draft treaty amounts to little more than an extension to a wider range of installations of the prohibitions already contained in the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions.

My delegation continues to doubt whether it is either practical or desirable to continue to attempt to combine the two subjects of radiological weapons in the traditional sense and prohibition of attacks on nuclear facilities in a single legal instrument. We set out the reasons for these doubts fully in an earlier paper (CD/374), and no arguments to the contrary have been advanced since then which seem to us convincing. But continuing argument over form will not promote a solution to our difficulties. We should instead concentrate on the building blocks both of a treaty to ban radiological weapons and on a possible prohibition of attacks on nuclear facilities. Only by systematic stage-by-stage examination of each element, untrammelled by preconceptions as to the final form, can we expect to make progress.