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With the end of the Cold War, many of the old threats to European security have disappeared. New ones, however, are now emerging, particularly in the light of the rise of nationalism and the spread of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons to politically unstable countries. The Role and Control of Weapons in the 1990's examines these security issues - the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Third World, the threat from international terrorists, the environmental damage caused by modern warfare - to argue that control over weapons of mass destruction must be dramatically increase
