CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM ON AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS
AND THE CHALLENGE OF REGULATION

SUNDAY 28 APRIL, 2024

FOUR CONCURRENT PROGRAM STREAMS

MIRROR HALL

10:00 Welcome and opening remarks
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