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The following is the text of an announcement released to the other stock exchanges on which HSBC Holdings plc is listed.

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STATEMENT

HSBC Latin America Holdings (UK) Limited, together with other wholly owned subsidiaries of HSBC Holdings plc, confirms that it is in discussions regarding the possible sale of its operations in Colombia, Peru, Uruguay and Paraguay.

HSBC will make a further announcement if or when appropriate.

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Note to editors:

HSBC Holdings plc

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