HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2016

The Directors of HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") have declared the first interim dividend for 2016 of US\$0.10 per ordinary share. The dividend is payable on 6 July 2016 to holders of record on 20 May 2016 on the Principal Register in the United Kingdom or the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register.

111,088,990 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been allotted by the Company to those shareholders who elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative.

The shares will be issued on 6 July 2016 and will rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company. Application will be made to the Financial Conduct Authority for the shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the shares to be admitted to trading.

Dealings are expected to commence on 6 July 2016.

For and on behalf of **HSBC Holdings plc**

Ben J S Mathews Group Company Secretary