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**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2016
SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE**

On 3 May 2016, the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc declared a first interim dividend for 2016 of US\$0.10 per ordinary share. The first interim dividend will be payable on 6 July 2016 to holders of record on 20 May 2016 on the Principal Register in the United Kingdom, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register. The dividend is payable in cash in United States dollars, sterling or Hong Kong dollars, or a combination of these currencies, with a scrip dividend alternative.

The 'Market Value' for the issue of new shares under the scrip dividend alternative is:

US\$6.3288 for each new share

The 'Market Value' is the United States dollar equivalent of £4.3274 being the average of the middle market quotations for the ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange as derived from the Daily Official List for the five business days beginning on 19 May 2016.

Dividends payable in cash in sterling or Hong Kong dollars on 6 July 2016 will be converted from United States dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00am on 27 June 2016. These exchange rates will be announced to the London, Hong Kong, New York, Paris and Bermuda stock exchanges.

Particulars of the dividend arrangements will be sent to shareholders on or about 3 June 2016 and elections must be received by the Registrar by 23 June 2016.

For and on behalf of
HSBC Holdings plc

Ben J S Mathews
Group Company Secretary

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: Douglas Flint, Stuart Gulliver, Phillip Ameen[†], Kathleen Casey[†], Laura Cha[†], Henri de Castries[†], Lord Evans of Weardale[†], Joachim Faber[†], Sam Laidlaw[†], Irene Lee[†], John Lipsky[†], Rachel Lomax[†], Iain Mackay, Heidi Miller[†], Marc Moses, David Nish[†], Jonathan Symonds[†], Pauline van der Meer Mohr[†] and Paul Walsh[†].

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Note to editors:

HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 6,000 offices in 71 countries and territories in Europe, Asia, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,596bn at 31 March 2016, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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