

23 November 2016

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC ISSUANCE OF SENIOR NOTES

On 23 November 2016, HSBC Holdings plc issued US\$1,500,000,000 Subordinated Notes due 2026 pursuant to its subordinated debt indenture dated 12 March 2014 (as amended or supplemented from time to time), as amended and supplemented by a third supplemental indenture dated 23 November 2016 (the 'New Notes').

Application has been made to list the New Notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

ends/more

Investor enquiries to: Rebecca Self investorrelations@hsbc.com

Media enquiries to: Karen Ng +44 (0) 20 7991 2452

karenng@hsbc.com

Notes 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 4,400 offices in 71 countries and territories in Europe, Asia, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,557bn at 30 September 2016, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

This announcement does not constitute or form part of any offer for sale or subscription of or solicitation of any offer to buy or subscribe for any securities in the United States. Under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration. Any public offering of securities to be made in the United States will be made by means of a prospectus that may be obtained from the Company and that will contain detailed information about the Company and its management, as well as financial statements.

ends/all