HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2016

The Directors of HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") have declared the third interim dividend for 2016 of US\$0.10 per ordinary share. The dividend is payable on 6 December 2016 to holders of record on 21 October 2016 on the Principal Register in the United Kingdom or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register and to holders of record on 24 October 2016¹ on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register.

122,620,319 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each will be allotted and issued on 6 December 2016 by the Company to those shareholders who elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative.

The shares 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 December 2016.

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

Ben J S Mathews Group Company Secretary

¹ Record date on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register changed in accordance with Practice Note 8 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited due to raising of typhoon signal no.8 in Hong Kong on 21 October 2016.