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(Hong Kong Stock Code: 5)

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2016

The Directors of HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") have declared the fourth interim dividend for 2016 of US\$0.21 per ordinary share. The dividend is payable on 6 April 2017 to holders of record on 24 February 2017 on the Principal Register in the United Kingdom, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register.

241,151,585 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each will be allotted and issued on 6 April 2017 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 April 2017.

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[†], Jackson Tai[†], Pauline van der Meer Mohr[†] and Paul Walsh[†].

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