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