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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC PUBLICATION OF BASE PROSPECTUS

The following base prospectus and registration document have been approved by the UK Listing Authority and are available for viewing:

Base Prospectus dated 6 March 2018 for the HSBC Holdings plc Debt Issuance Programme

Registration Document dated 6 March 2018 in respect of HSBC Holdings plc

To view the full documents, please paste the following URL into the address bar of your browser:

<http://www.hsbc.com/investor-relations/fixed-income-investors/issuance-programmes>

A copy of each of the above documents has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at:
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Note to editors:

HSBC Holdings plc

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