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HSBC Holdings plc

Overseas Regulatory Announcement

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The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement comprises: Mark Tucker*, Noel Quinn, Rachel Duan†, Carolyn Julie Fairbairn†, James Anthony Forese†, Steven Guggenheimer†, Irene Lee†, José Antonio Meade Kuribreña†, Eileen K Murray†, David Nish†, Ewen Stevenson, Jackson Tai† and Pauline van der Meer Mohr†.

- * Non-executive Group Chairman
- † Independent non-executive Director

Hong Kong Stock Code: 5



29 March 2022

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC ISSUANCE OF SENIOR UNSECURED NOTES

HSBC Holdings plc has today issued US\$2,000,000,000 4.762% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Subordinated Unsecured Notes due 2033 (the 'Notes') pursuant to an indenture dated 12 March 2014 (as amended or supplemented from time to time and as most recently amended and supplemented by a fourth supplemental indenture dated 29 March 2022).

Application will be made to list the Notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

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For and on behalf of **HSBC Holdings plc Aileen Taylor** *Group Company Secretary and Chief Governance Officer*

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2. The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement is: Mark Tucker*, Noel Quinn, James Anthony Forese[†], Steven Guggenheimer[†], Irene Lee[†], José Antonio Meade Kuribreña[†], Eileen K Murray[†], David Nish[†], Ewen Stevenson, Jackson Tai[†], Pauline van der Meer Mohr[†], Rachel Duan[†], Dame Carolyn Fairbairn[†] and Aileen Taylor.

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