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## **HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**

### **CHANGE OF GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY**

HSBC Holdings plc (the 'Company') has today announced the appointment of Aileen Taylor as Group Company Secretary and Chief Governance Officer with effect from 4 November 2019, replacing Richard Gray who has served as interim Group Company Secretary since 19 April 2019.

Aileen joins HSBC from the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ('RBS') where she was Chief Governance and Regulatory Affairs Officer and Board Counsel. A qualified lawyer, she spent 19 years at RBS undertaking roles across Legal, Company Secretariat, Risk and Compliance and the last nine years as the Group Company Secretary. She will join as a member of the Company's Group Management Board.

HSBC's Group Chairman, Mark Tucker, said:

"I am delighted to welcome Aileen as Group Company Secretary and Chief Governance Officer. She has a very strong track record in corporate governance, shares our values and has extensive experience in financial services. I and the Board really look forward to working with her.

I would like to thank Richard Gray, on behalf of the Board, for stepping into the role on an interim basis and for his support and contribution to the Board during this time."

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

**Mark E Tucker**  
**Group Chairman**

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement comprises: Mark Tucker\*, Noel Quinn, Kathleen Casey†, Laura Cha†, Henri de Castries†, Irene Leet†, José Meade†, Heidi Miller†, Marc Moses, David Nish†, Ewen Stevenson, Jonathan Symonds†, Jackson Tait and Pauline van der Meer Mohr†.

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HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. HSBC serves customers worldwide from offices in 65 countries and territories in our geographical regions: Europe, Asia, North America, Latin America, and Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,728bn at 30 September 2019, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.