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(a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability) (the "Bank")

(Stock Code: 3988 and 4619 (Preference Shares))

Announcement on Distribution of Dividends on Offshore Preference Shares

I The Meeting of the Board of Directors Approving the Dividend Distribution Plan of Offshore Preference Shares

The Non-public Issuance Plan of Offshore Preference Shares of the Bank was considered and approved at the 2019 First Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank, which authorized the Board of Directors of the Bank to decide and handle relevant matters relating to the payment of dividends to the holders of Offshore Preference Shares in accordance with the issuance proposal. The dividend distribution plan of Offshore Preference Shares was considered and approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank on 28 April 2023. Please refer to the announcement on resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Bank published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Bank (www.boc.cn).

II The Dividend Distribution Plan of Offshore Preference Shares

- 1. Dividend period: From and including 4 March 2023 to but excluding 4 March 2024
- 2. Record date: 1 March 2024
- 3. Dividend payment date: 4 March 2024
- 4. Recipients: Holders of Offshore Preference Shares of the Bank whose names appear on the register of members maintained by The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch, at the close of business of the Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") on 1 March 2024.

5. Amount to be paid and tax deductions: Under the terms and conditions of the Offshore Preference Shares ("Terms"), the dividend rate for the Offshore Preference Shares prior to the first reset date is 3.60 per cent per annum (after tax). According to the tax laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China, when the Bank distributes dividends on the Offshore Preference Shares to holders who are overseas non-resident enterprises, the Bank shall withhold the enterprise income tax at a rate of 10%. Under the Terms, the Bank shall bear the tax. The Bank shall distribute dividends of approximately USD112.8 million in total (before tax), of which approximately USD101.5 million (after tax) will be distributed to the holders of Offshore Preference Shares.

III Measures for the Implementation of the Dividend Distribution Plan of Offshore Preference Shares

The Bank shall instruct The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as the payment agent to pay dividends on the Offshore Preference Shares to the holders of Offshore Preference Shares whose names appear on the register of members at the close of business on the record date or at their instructions. While the Offshore Preference Shares of the Bank are held through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, the only holder of the Offshore Preference Shares whose name would appear on the register of members of the Bank is The Bank of New York Depository (Nominees) Limited in its capacity as the nominee of the common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The Bank's dividend payment obligations under the Terms shall be regarded as having discharged once The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch pays dividends to The Bank of New York Depository (Nominees) Limited or at its instructions. The ultimate investors should consult their respective custodians or intermediaries in relation to any queries on the subsequent payment of the dividends from the clearing systems to the ultimate investors.

The Board of Directors of Bank of China Limited

Beijing, PRC 23 February 2024

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