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(Hong Kong Stock Code: 5)

## **HSBC Holdings plc**

### **CAPITAL REDUCTION TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

The attached announcement is being released to all the stock exchanges on which HSBC Holdings plc is listed.

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

Aileen Taylor  
Company Secretary

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement comprises: Sir Mark Edward Tucker\*, Georges Bahjat Elhedery, Geraldine Joyce Buckingham†, Rachel Duan†, Dame Carolyn Julie Fairbairn†, James Anthony Forese†, Ann Frances Godbehere†, Steven Craig Guggenheimer†, Manveen (Pam) Kaur, Dr José Antonio Meade Kuribreña†, Kalpana Jaisingh Morparia†, Eileen K Murray†, Brendan Robert Nelson† and Swee Lian Teo†.

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**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC****CAPITAL REDUCTION TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

HSBC Holdings plc (the “**Company**”) is pleased to confirm that, following approval of shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 2 May 2025 (“**AGM**”), on 24 June 2025, the High Court of England and Wales (the “**Court**”) confirmed the cancellation of US\$14,809,888,249 standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account and US\$1,755,360,094 standing to the credit of the Company's capital redemption reserve (the “**Capital Reduction**”).

The Court order confirming the Capital Reduction and a statement of capital approved by the Court in connection with the same have been sent to the Registrar of Companies. The Capital Reduction will become effective upon registration of these documents by the Registrar of Companies.

As set out in the Company's Notice of AGM published on 21 March 2025, the effect of the Capital Reduction will be to increase distributable reserves and give the Company further flexibility to deliver shareholder returns over the coming years in the form of dividends and/or share buy-backs.

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**Note to editors:****HSBC Holdings plc**

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