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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

Completion of the sale of HSBC Bank Canada to RBC

HSBC Holdings plc ('HSBC') completed the sale of HSBC Bank Canada ('HSBC Canada') and its subsidiaries to Royal Bank of Canada ('RBC') on 28 March 2024.

The sale followed a strategic review of HSBC Canada which concluded the best course of action strategically for the HSBC Group and HSBC Canada was to sell the business. The transaction unlocks significant value for the HSBC Group.

Commenting on the transaction, Noel Quinn, Group CEO said, "I am grateful to the team in Canada for their hard work over the last 18 months delivering this transaction. This is a great business with exceptional people and clients, and I have no doubt it will thrive as part of RBC. Completing this deal is another important milestone in HSBC's transformation, and it will provide capital that will enable us to grow our core businesses and reward our shareholders for their loyalty, including through an intended special dividend of US\$0.21 per share."

Completion of the transaction will result in the recognition of an estimated gain on sale of US\$4.9bn in the first quarter of 2024, inclusive of the recycling of an estimated US\$0.6bn in foreign currency translation reserve losses¹. There is no tax on the estimated gain recognised at completion. As a consequence of the gain on sale, the disposal of HSBC Canada RWAs and the recognition of the special dividend, the HSBC Group's CET1 ratio will be enhanced by an estimated 0.7 percentage points².

Subject to finalisation of its results for the first quarter of 2024 ('1Q24') and consideration and approval by the Board, HSBC intends to announce a special dividend of US\$0.21 per share together with its 1Q24 earnings release expected to be published on 30 April 2024. This would be in addition to any proposed interim dividend to be considered by the Board and would be expected to be paid at the same time in June 2024 if approved.

For and on behalf of
HSBC Holdings plc

Aileen Taylor
Group Company Secretary and Chief Governance Officer

¹ Estimates are as at 22 March 2024, and exclude fair value gains or losses on related foreign exchange hedges to be recognised in the quarter.

² Based on HSBC Group RWAs of US\$854bn and HSBC Canada RWAs on a PRA basis (excluding operational risk RWAs) of US\$28bn as at 31 December 2023. The estimated CET1 ratio impact includes the impact of a US\$0.21 per share special dividend, and excludes impacts on foreign currency-related RWAs at the HSBC Group level. The favourable CET1 impact arising from the disposal of HSBC Canada RWAs, reduced by the impact of a foreseeable US\$0.21 per share special dividend will be recognised in the first quarter of 2024. The favourable impact arising from the recognition of the gain on sale will be recognised upon the verification of interim profits during the second quarter of 2024.

Miscellaneous

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement comprises:

Mark Edward Tucker*, Noel Paul Quinn, Geraldine Joyce Buckingham†, Rachel Duan†, Georges Bahjat Elhedery, Dame Carolyn Julie Fairbairn†, James Anthony Forese†, Ann Frances Godbehere†, Steven Craig Guggenheimer†, Dr José Antonio Meade Kuribreña†, Kalpana Jaisingh Morparia†, Eileen K Murray†, Brendan Robert Nelson†, David Thomas Nish† and Swee Lian Teo†.

* Non-executive Group Chairman

† Independent non-executive Director

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