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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2005

HSBC Holdings plc

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting of HSBC Holdings plc held on 27 May 2005, all resolutions were passed on a poll.

The following table shows the votes cast for and against each resolution:

| Resolution | Total Votes For* (%) | Total Votes Against (%) | Abstain |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. To receive the Report and Accounts for 2004 | 4,188,264,091 (99.85) | 6,118,493 (0.15) | 88,050,257 |
| 2. (a) To re-elect Sir John Bond a Director | 4,087,518,427 (99.14) | 35,336,901 (0.86) | 158,770,790 |

| (b) To re-elect R K F Ch'ien a Director | 4,119,809,500 (99.21) | 32,967,572 (0.79) | 128,710,109 |
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| (c) To re-elect J D Coombe a Director | 4,273,656,415 (99.84) | 7,019,850 (0.16) | 926,894 |
| (d) To re-elect The Baroness Dunn a Director | 4,254,966,533 (99.39) | 26,192,450 (0.61) | 444,808 |
| (e) To re-elect D J Flint a Director | 4,269,214,839 (99.73) | 11,740,518 (0.27) | 651,058 |
| (f) To re-elect J W J Hughes-Hallett a Director | 4,273,852,389 (99.83) | 7,090,408 (0.17) | 648,766 |
| (g) To re-elect Sir Brian Moffat a Director | 4,272,730,719 (99.81) | 8,065,251 (0.19) | 883,817 |
| (h) To re-elect S W Newton a Director | 4,273,404,835 (99.83) | 7,323,052 (0.17) | 898,632 |
| (i) To re-elect H Sohmen a Director | 4,259,449,879 (99.67) | 13,998,760 (0.33) | 8,208,565 |
| 3. To reappoint the Auditor at remuneration to be determined by the Group Audit Committee | 4,189,566,522 (99.19) | 34,267,063 (0.81) | 58,565,560 |
| 4. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for 2004 | 4,042,390,563 (94.42) | 238,935,100 (5.58) | 1,001,043 |
| 5. To authorise the Directors to allot shares | 4,248,533,662 (99.19) | 34,530,610 (0.81) | 775,383 |
| 6. To disapply pre-emption rights (Special Resolution) | 4,237,314,079 (98.93) | 45,636,207 (1.07) | 807,662 |
| 7. To authorise the Company to purchase its own Ordinary Shares | 4,277,201,897 (99.87) | 5,720,170 (0.13) | 890,586 |
| 8. To amend the HSBC Holdings Savings-Related Share Option Plan | 4,256,919,733 (99.49) | 21,915,186 (0.51) | 4,695,692 |

| 9. To amend the HSBC Holdings Savings-Related Share Option Plan: International | 4,256,986,127 (99.49) | 21,917,140 (0.51) | 4,613,955 |
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| 10. To approve the HSBC US Employee Stock Plan | 4,252,360,655 (99.37) | 26,756,715 (0.63) | 4,402,810 |
| 11. To approve The HSBC Share Plan | 4,139,629,417 (97.06) | 125,440,646 (2.94) | 17,238,305 |
| 12. To alter the Articles of Association (Special Resolution) | 4,276,758,493 (99.89) | 4,704,696 (0.11) | 1,642,885 |

* Includes discretionary votes

The total number of ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each eligible to be voted at the Annual General Meeting was 11,219,345,624. No shareholders were subject to any restrictions under the Listing Rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in exercising their votes at the Annual General Meeting. The scrutineers of the poll were Electoral Reform Services Limited and Computershare Investor Services PLC.

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, D G Eldon retired as a Director. There are no matters relating to the retirement of D G Eldon that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company. The current Directors of HSBC Holdings plc are Sir John Bond, Lord Butler+, R K F Ch'ien+, J D Coombe+, The Baroness Dunn*, R A Fairhead+, D J Flint, W K L Fung+, S K Green, M F Geoghegan, S Hintze+, J W J Hughes-Hallett+, A W Jebson, Sir John Kemp-Welch+, Sir Brian Moffat+, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart+, S W Newton+, H Sohmen* and Sir Brian Williamson+.

- * Non-executive Director
- + Independent non-executive Director

Copies of the special business resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting have been submitted for publication through the Document Viewing Facility of the UK Listing Authority at the address shown below in accordance with paragraph 9.31 of the Listing Rules.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: 27 May 2005