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Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: *HSBC Holdings PLC, et al. v. Picard et al.*, No. 19-277

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to this Court's order dated March 19, 2020, petitioners in the above-captioned case respectfully request that the Court delay distribution of the petition for writ of certiorari and related briefs in this matter until May 12, 2020, and set the case for consideration at the Conference on May 28, 2020. Petitioners filed a petition for certiorari on August 29, 2019. On December 9, 2019, the Court invited the Solicitor General to file a brief expressing the views of the United States. On April 10, 2020, the Solicitor General filed a brief recommending that the Court deny the petition. Petitioners intend to file a supplemental brief responding to the Solicitor General's filing. The petition is currently scheduled for distribution on April 28 for consideration at the Court's May 14 Conference.

Petitioners are nearly two hundred parties, widely dispersed around the globe, who are alleged parties to foreign transactions that are the subject of the decision below. Petitioners are currently dealing with the significant impact on their operations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The complications from the pandemic vary from country to country and have complicated petitioners' ability to meaningfully confer with counsel and for the various counsel to confer with each other regarding the response to the Solicitor General's brief. The requested two-week delay will permit petitioners to prepare a submission that will be most helpful to the Court.

Petitioners have conferred with respondents' counsel, who has indicated that all respondents consent to petitioners' request.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Clement", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul D. Clement

cc: All counsel of record