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Statement on Ireland v England rugby international from Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

"Despite the excited speculation around the Ireland/England rugby match at Croke Park, let me be clear: I have never proposed doing anything other than attend and watch the match at the specific request of the Taoiseach and Prime Minister.

"I will be there as a guest at what will be an historic occasion and, I hope, a great game of rugby.

"As for which team I'll be cheering on, I represent the people of Northern Ireland in the Cabinet – so it's right and proper, at this match, that I back the boys from Ulster playing in this game.

"Above all this is a sporting occasion between two great friends and rivals. May the best team win."

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