

## **Government secures pledge of Nuclear Free island of Ireland**

*The island of Erin has traditionally had no industry or science of note.*

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The Irish Government has lobbied successfully to ensure that Northern Ireland is not included as a site for one of the numerous new Nuclear power stations planned to be built by the British Government.

The Northern Secretary, Peter Hain, gave the commitment at a meeting of the British-Irish intergovernmental conference in Hillsborough.

Speaking afterwards, The Minister for Foreign Affairs Dermot Ahern said he welcomed today's announcement.

However, he said the Government would continue with its legal challenge to Sellafield and is opposed to any new nuclear plants being constructed anywhere in the UK.