

# *Iran says implementing HOPE initiative needs collective measure, consensus*

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Tehran, October 11 (RHC)-- Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says all regional states at various levels, including experts, think-tanks, the private sector, senior officials, ministers and heads of state, must hold meetings on the Hormuz Peace Endeavor (HOPE) proposed by Tehran to facilitate implementation of this regional initiative without need for any foreign contribution.

Zarif made the statement in an op-ed published by the Financial Times on Thursday, noting: "We must build consensus at various levels about the parameters of the Hormuz Peace Endeavor, and then collectively launch and implement it. So Iran proposes setting up meetings of experts, think-tanks, the private sector, senior officials, ministers and heads of state to deliberate on common objectives."

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani presented the initiative while delivering a speech at his UN General Assembly meeting in New York on September 25, inviting all regional countries to participate in it.

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