

# *Iranian Foreign Minister Says P5 + 1 Must Decide Between Agreement or Coercion*

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Vienna, July 4 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says Iran's negotiating partners have to make a choice between agreement with the Islamic Republic or coercion against it.

In a video message released on Friday, the Iranian foreign minister referred to the negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 and said the two sides "have never been closer to a lasting outcome." But, he said, "there is no guarantee."

Zarif said: "Getting to 'yes' requires the courage to compromise, the self-confidence to be flexible, the maturity to be reasonable, the wisdom to set aside illusions and the audacity to break old habits."

The Iranian foreign minister said: "Some stubbornly believe that military and economic coercion can ensure submission. They still insist on spending other people's money or sacrificing other people's children for their own delusional designs."

And in his message, Iran's top diplomat said: "We are ready to strike a balanced and good deal and open

new horizons to address important common challenges. Our common threat today is the growing menace of violent extremism and outright barbarism."

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