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A word hyperbolic group G is called GFERF if every its quasiconvex subgroup is equal to an intersection of finite index subgroups. We show that in any such group, the product of finitely many quasiconvex subgroups is closed in the profinite topology on G. This generalizes a number of previously known results and gives a different proof of the conjecture of Pin and Reutenauer concerning products of finitely generated subgroups in a free group. (Received January 24, 2005)