The last meeting of the IWG for GTR on HFCV Phase 2 was in November 2019. Since then, IWG held only limited virtual meetings through Webex. The most recent meeting of Co-sponsors + was on 4th of June, and it included delegates from the Contracting parties and some key, but not all, representatives from the industry and standards settings organizations.

The main purpose was to assess the current status, to inform each other of any developments on the domestic regulatory or research side, and advance to the extent possible the work in the task forces. It is through the task forces that the technical work is mainly done and, as a unified position is developed, it feeds into the IWG. This work, complemented with the test and research results, has facilitated the discussion in the Co-sponsors + meeting.

Some of the technical issues that we continue to tackle are: the sled test criteria for HD vehicles, direction of the thermo-pressure release valve, the fueling receptacle, reduction of the NWP from 225% to 200%.

Given the constraints, the IWG has made some progress and started in Drafting Task Force to formulate the text of the amendments to the GTR. We estimated back in November that additional time may be needed to complete the task and of course with the outbreak, which caused most of the governmental and industry labs and test facilities to close for a significant amount of time, are now certain that additional time beyond our current mandate will be needed. We plan to assess this at our next virtual meeting, which is planned for end of August or beginning September.