



5. The Group also remains concerned regarding the persistence of gender stereotypes, trafficking in women and girls, women's under-representation in decision-making positions and processes, the violation of fundamental women's rights and the effects of climate change and global warming which are identified among the main impediments to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

and the empowerment of women.

6. In the light of these persistent challenges, we recognize the need to expand efforts and

the design, implementation and evaluation of public policies as a priority in the national and international agendas of Member states.

12. It is also important to enhance international cooperation and global partnership for