

**Statement delivered by the Representative of  
of Greece to the UN  
Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals**

**Focus Areas 5 (Gender equality and women's empowerment) and 6  
(Water and Sanitation)**

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Before starting, I would like to point out that Greece aligns itself with the relevant comments made by EU at its yesterday's statement.

**Focus Area 5: Gender equality and women's empowerment**

- Adding our voice to those of numerous delegations, we would like to express our strong support to the inclusion of gender as a stand alone goal and we would also propose to strengthen gender mainstreaming throughout the other focus areas.
- We would propose to add in target **e**, after the word including, “financial and banking services, property rights, markets and”, so that the phrase will read “.. assets and resources, **including financial and banking services, property rights, markets and** natural resources management”.
- We welcome the inclusion of SRHR in target **i**.

**Focus Area 6: Water and Sanitation**

- We welcome the language on target **a**, pertaining to access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation and hygiene, especially for women and girls
- We also express our strong support at target **d** as regards integrated water resource management, including appropriate trans-boundary cooperation, as supported by Finland and other delegations.