

The working groups reported back to the conference their proposed resolutions and recommendations. After discussion, and a number of amendments, they were finally approved by the delegates.

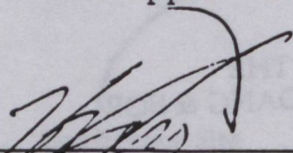
Reflecting the substantive issues discussed, and in the spirit of reconciliation generated by the process, a covenant was signed by 129 representatives. This formal act publicly sealed the participants desire for peace and outlined the areas where they will take responsibility for its implementation. The ceremony was concluded with the sacrifice of a white ox. The Christian community, both those attending the conference and those scattered throughout the world who are in solidarity with the peace process, offered prayer for its success and the advancement of peace and reconciliation throughout southern Sudan. The conference also expressed appreciation to the many supporting governmental and non-governmental organisations that have provided financial assistance to the peace process.

The conference recognised and regretted that not all ethnic groups, or important sub-groups, were represented on the day. It was the wish of the delegates that, with the assistance of NSCC, the process move forward to encompass these groups as soon as possible. Nevertheless, the Liliir conference stands as a remarkable accomplishment. The conference was successful in fortifying the voice of the southern Sudanese people in their compelling demand for peace. The delegates were unambiguous in appealing to their leaders (military, civil and the educated class in general): that there must be unity and peace amongst all the southern people, and more accountable administration and governance of their interests and affairs. However, the determination of the people to persevere with the achievement of peace, regardless of what obstacles are encountered, was apparent.

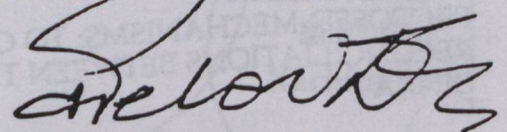
The following attached documents testify to the achievements secured at Liliir, namely;

- Liliir Covenant Document
- Conference Recommendations and Resolutions
- Press Statement Released by NSCC
- Delegate Signatures to the Covenant Agreement

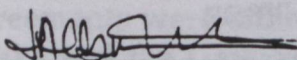
This document therefore represents the official publication of the Liliir agreement and has been approved by members of the NSCC conference facilitation team:



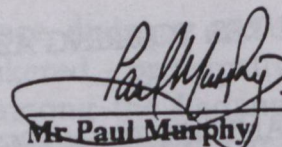
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*A more detailed record of the conference will be made available by NSCC in the future.