

what has been achieved so far. Similarly, a delegation from the Murle in Boma should send a similar message.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

TO SAFEGUARD THE PEACE PROCESS FROM POLITICAL OPPORTUNISM AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF REMAINING UPPER NILE GROUPS TO JOIN THE PROCESS

The delegates distinguished different functions, and how they should be appropriated by the different parties to the process. Firstly, it is a people-to-people event, and thus the agenda and initiative must always remain with the people. Once it has been agreed when and where a peace meeting will be held, then the civil authorities, in the company of the traditional leaders, are both responsible for identifying a suitable location and making preparations for the meeting to take place. Finally, issues of security should remain with the security forces, in support of the people's peace process.

The conference recommended that the achievements of Liliir be widely disseminated throughout the region and documentation be made available in each county/district. The need for continuing smaller, more localised peace initiatives, was stressed before a larger conference is convened.