

An hon. Member: They are for particular areas.

Mr. Wireko: An hon. Member who is ignorant of the duties of the newly appointed Magistrates is telling me that they have been appointed to particular localities. That is not so. Each has to cover very wide areas. For example, in the Amansie constituency we have a local court Magistrate covering four different local council areas, and the customs of one local council area are different from those in the others. The Minister of Local Government should therefore issue instructions to Local and State Councils to set out all the customs that obtain in their areas so that the Magistrates may be guided by the customary law in dealing with cases in each area. I know that authority has been given to these Magistrates to invite advisers or jurymen, if I may call them so, to assist them in cases involving local custom, but it would be simpler if the Magistrates were guided, in addition to the services of these advisers in customary laws, by a set of written customary laws.

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FORMATION OF ITALIAN SECTION

An Italian Section of the Association has been formed. Meetings of the Section will be held at the Faculty of Law of the University of Rome in the Institute of Mediterranean Legal Studies. Professor E. Cerulli and Professor E. Volterra (Director of the Institute) have assumed the direction of the Section, whose work will be especially concerned with mediterranean Africa, Ethiopia and Somalia.

We wish the Italian Section every success under such distinguished patronage.