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### *Nikāh* by Telephone, Video Conferencing and Internet



The theologians in their resolution on the occasion of Thirteenth Seminar of IFA specified as regards marriage solemnized on telephone, by video conferencing or on Internet that:

The matter of *Nikāh* is more complex than a sale deal as the former involves an aspect of *Ibādat* and requires two witnesses. Therefore, direct proposal of marriage and pronouncement of consent on Internet, by video conferencing and telephone is not reliable. However, *Nikāh* will be valid in case an attorney is appointed for *Nikāh* proceedings on these electronic media and the two parties make proposal and pronounce consent before their witnesses on behalf of the attorney. In such an arrangement the witnesses should have been familiar with the person appointed as attorney or his name along with his father's name and residential address should be mentioned at the time of proposal and consent.

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♦ 13<sup>th</sup> Fiqhi Seminar (Jamia Syed Ahmad Shaheed Katauli) 13-16 April 2001.