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⁶ See Keohane and Nye, *op. cit.*, p. 45.

⁷ *Ibid.*, pp. 78-79.

⁸ An example appears in Snyder *et al.*, *Foreign Policy Decision-Making, op. cit.*, pp. 51-52.

A) Books

Surname, First Name (Year): *Book Title*, xth ed., Book Series, No. x, Place, Publisher.

Waltz, Kenneth N. (1979): *Theory of International Politics*, Boston, Addison-Wesley.

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Lynch, Dov (ed.) (2003): *The South Caucasus: A Challenge for the EU*, Chaillot Papers, No. 65, Paris, EU Institute for Security Studies.

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Wendt, Alexander: "Three Cultures of Anarchy", in *Social Theory of International Politics*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, pp. 246-312.

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F) Journal Articles

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Schmitz, Hans Peter: "Domestic and Transnational Perspectives on Democratization", *International Studies Review*, Vol. 6, No. 3 (September 2004), pp. 403-426.

G) Press Articles

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Bradsher, Keith: "China Struggles to Cut Reliance on Mideast Oil", *New York Times*, 3 September 2002.

H) Articles in On-line Publications

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Gunaratna, Rohan: "Spain: An Al Qaeda Hub?", *UNISCI Discussion Papers*, No. 5 (May 2004), at <http://www.ucm.es/info/unisci>.

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