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1 L Elliott & M White, 'Brown's Marshall plan for world poor', Guardian, 7 January 2005, p 2.

2 PovcalNet is available at <http://iresearch.worldbank.org/PovcalNet/jsp/index.jsp>.

3 Note that, since these curves are both standardised on 1993 levels, they differ somewhat from those presented, for example, by Dikhanov and Ward (2002) which are normalised so that the area under each curve equals unity. Standardising the curves to a single year, rather than normalising each curve, makes it easier to identify the locations of the true beneficiaries of global income growth.

4 The high-income median consumption level in 1993 was \$8300 pp pa in 2002 PPP prices. Fifty-three percent of high-income country populations had consumption less than the \$10 000 level in 1993 (55% in 2001).

5 For the authors of the Social Watch Report 2005 (Third World Institute, 2005: 14) this is no accident. They see the \$1-a-day line as ideologically and politically motivated by allowing World Bank researchers to claim that the proportion of people living in poverty in the world as a whole is declining and hence that globalisation is good for the poor.

6 World
<http://www>

7 In line with the World Bank's policy of optimising the \$1-a-day poverty line, the effect of the \$1-a-day poverty line is distorted by the fact that the poverty line is set above the level of the world average, which would represent the expected outcome.



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