PART III

GLOBAL POVERTY AND INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE
What kinds of principles of justice should a cosmopolitan support? It would seem that because a cosmopolitan is someone who is committed to the equal moral worth of all human beings, she would need to endorse principles of justice that (somehow) are concerned with the well-being of every individual person (no matter what their group memberships), and that these principles of justice would need to have wide scope. But what, more specifically, can be said about the content of these principles? Two suggestions are that a cosmopolitan should endorse a Global Difference Principle and a Principle of Global Equality of Opportunity. In this paper I examine whether these two suggestions are compelling, by considering some recent arguments for these views. I argue against a Global Difference Principle, but for an alternative Needs-Based Minimum Floor Principle (where these are not co-extensive, as I explain). I develop a model of cosmopolitan justice which allows us to address not only matters of global distributive justice, but other global justice issues as well. Though I support what I refer to as a negative version of the Global Equality of Opportunity Principle, I argue that a more positive version of the ideal remains elusive.


2 These suggestions are, of course, not necessarily mutually exclusive. For recent versions of both of these, see Darrel Moellendorf, Cosmopolitan Justice (Cambridge, MA: Westview Press, 2002). For a recent version of a Global Equality of Opportunity Principle, see Simon Caney, 'Cosmopolitan Justice and Equalizing Opportunities', Metaphilosophy 32 (2001), pp. 113–34.