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In a report released May 26 in Mexico City, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), projected annual GDP growth for Latin America by the end of the decade is 1.3%. Highlights on population and poverty projections for the year 2000 are summarized below. * Total population: 526.77 million. * Population below the poverty line: 296.2 million. * Population living in chronic or absolute poverty: 143.5 million. The proportion of Latin American inhabitants below the poverty line is expected to decline in the 1990s, from 61.8% in 1990 to 56.3% in 2000. (Basic data from Chinese news service Xinhua, 05/26/92)

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