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According to a report by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) titled, "Desarrollo sin Pobreza," Central American and Andean nations are the most impoverished of Latin America. Over 65% of the populations of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru and Bolivia live in conditions of absolute poverty. The report was delivered Nov. 20 at a conference in Quito, Ecuador. The lowest proportions of absolute poverty, at 30%, are found in Costa Rica, Argentina and Uruguay. Between 30% and 39% of Mexicans and Venezuelans live in absolute poverty. The same statistic for Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil ranges from 40% to 64%. (Basic data from EFE, 11/20/90)

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