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Signing a bill authorizing a five-year voluntary U.S. contribution of \$40 million to the United Nations Environment Fund President Nixon said yesterday "we need to do much more" to preserve the planet and its resources.

In a statement Mr. Nixon said bi-partisan support for the legislation reflected "broad agreement on the need to act on the degradation of global environment."

Saying the United Nations has made a good beginning in this field, Mr. Nixon said more effort is needed and he declared:

"We need additional knowledge about what the serious global problems are and how to cope with them; we need to monitor conditions and trends of pollutants in the oceans, in the atmosphere and in terrestrial environments; and we need to manage our natural resources more effectively.

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