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The Davis Decision and Its Impact on Chamorro Studies

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse na makombibida yu' mągi ta'lo para bai hu saonao gi
este na dinanña'. Gi tinstigu-hu pą'go, bai hu sangani hamyo put i

association with the United States. With the efforts underway, there was discussion within the Commission on Decolonization that a plebiscite might be held as early as 2018 or 2020.

March 8th of this year, however, represented a dark day in terms of efforts for decolonization and the prospects of working collaboratively with our administering power in ensuring that this process be carried out in the spirit of restorative justice. On that day, Judge Frances

groups that had made Guam their home. Secondly, the court deemed that a self-determination plebiscite is of the same character as voting in

amount of history around the world on this issue, where dozens of

Davis decision. Senator Therese Terlaje authored a resolution calling on the island's attorney general to appeal the Davis decision and defend the right of Guam's native inhabitants to determine their destiny without