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## Memorandum

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As you may or may not be aware, the UAS Executive Committee (ExCom), a multi-agency group, has chartered a working group to look at the COA process. While this issue is being worked, we have decided to extend existing COAs that expire within the next 90 days. If you are receiving this, you have complied with the COA incident/accident and normal reporting provisions. Therefore, an extension is granted to the USMC to operate the Shadow Unmanned Aircraft System as depicted in 2008-ESA-41. The new expiration date is August 31, 2010.

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