The following resolutions are hereby adopted:

1. The Thirty-eighth Joint Panel Meeting provided the forum to exchange valuable technical information that is beneficial to both countries. In view of the importance of cooperative programs on the subject of wind and seismic effects, the continuation of Joint Panel Meetings is considered essential. Both sides agreed to explore new ideas and areas to strengthen cooperative activities in support of the Panel’s mission.

2. The following activities have been conducted since the Thirty-seventh Joint Meeting:
   a. Technology Exchanges. Technical experts and technical documents have been exchanged. These exchanges have contributed to the development of new research and enhanced ongoing research programs in both countries.
   b. Task Committee Workshops. The Panel held two workshops:
      i. Task Committee (G), 21st U.S.-Japan Bridge Engineering Workshop, 3-5 October 2005, Tsukuba, Japan.
      ii. Task Committee (H), 2nd International Workshop on Coastal Disaster Prevention, 18-20 January 2006, Tokyo.
   c. Major Products. The Panel members produced or made significant contributions to the following major products:
      ii. Two Task Committees (T/Cs A and G) have created web sites to share their activities.
      iii. Task Committees have performed collaborative research in topics such as wind tunnel estimates of wind effect on low-rise buildings and non-linear analysis of concrete dams.

3. The Panel accepted the Task Committee reports presented during the Thirty-eighth Joint Panel Meeting. Each report included objectives, scope of work, accomplishments and future plans.

4. The Panel continues to work toward streamlining its structure and encouraging the collaboration of researchers in both countries.

5. The Panel conducted its annual Strategic Planning Session. During this meeting the Panel discussed and adopted its 2nd Five-Year Strategic Plan. The Plan’s emphasis is on emerging technologies to address hazards including environmental health; evaluating Task Committees accomplishments; increasing partnering opportunities with other Panel Task Committees; identifying opportunities for joint research; and more broadly disseminating Panel results and activities.
6. The Panel endorses the following six proposed Task Committee Workshops during the coming year:
   c. Task Committee D, 4th Workshop, New Challenges for Reduction of High-Wind Disasters, 20-22 July 2006, Tsukuba
   e. Task Committee H, 3rd Tsunami Workshop, July 2006, U.S.A

In the event that T/C co-chairs consider it essential to conduct a joint meeting or workshop prior to the next annual meeting, that is not included in this resolution, the T/C co-chairs will make such a request through their respective Secretary-General for approval by the Joint Panel Chairmen.

7. The Panel encourages continued cooperative research interactions between the National Science Foundation’s Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NSF/NEES) and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology/National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention’s E-Defense (MEXT/NIED).

8. The U.S. and Japan sides will plan and conduct, as appropriate, joint investigations following earthquake, wind, and fire disasters in the U.S. and Japan.

9. The results of the Panel’s work should be widely disseminated to improve the quality of life globally. The Panel will make use of the internet to the extent possible to disseminate its accumulated and timely information.

10. The Thirty-ninth Joint Panel Meeting of the UJNR Panel on Wind and Seismic Effects will be organized by the Japan-side Panel, to be held in Japan in May 2007. The Japan-side secretariat will propose dates, program, location, and itinerary with the concurrence of the U.S.-side Panel.