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Subject: **Responsibility and authority of Pilot-in-command.**

Investigation of a recent accident to an Airline aircraft has shown dilution of responsibility and authority of the Pilot-in-command because the other pilot was senior, more qualified and experienced than the Pilot-in-command. Such situations are not conducive to flight safety. It is, therefore, necessary that all the flight crew may be informed that the Pilot-in-command has an unquestionable authority over the other crew members regardless of their seniority, experience or qualification. The Pilot-in-command should receive co-operative inputs from the other crew members in accordance with the standard procedures and his authority should never be diluted by any one's over-bearing actions. Whenever two qualified commanders fly together, care should be taken to ensure that there is no dilution of responsibility and authority of the Pilot-in-command.

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