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Let  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$  denote the multiplicative group of nonzero algebraic numbers. Write  $\text{Tor}\{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times\}$  for its torsion subgroup, and  $\mathcal{G} = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times / \text{Tor}\{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times\}$  for the quotient group. The absolute logarithmic Weil height is well defined on  $\mathcal{G}$  and induces a metric topology in this group. We show that the completion of this metric space is a Banach space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers. We further show that this Banach space is isometrically isomorphic to a co-dimension one subspace of  $L^1(Y, \mathcal{B}, \lambda)$ , where  $Y$  is a certain totally disconnected, locally compact space,  $\mathcal{B}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Borel subsets of  $Y$ , and  $\lambda$  is a certain measure satisfying an invariance property with respect to the absolute Galois group  $\text{Aut}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ . Some applications and related open problems will also be discussed. (Received February 28, 2008)