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### *Accidental Americans Request Court to Expedite the Decision on the Legality of the Renunciation Fee*

Paris (September 06, 2022) – The Association of Accidental Americans, a French non-profit society, together with 20 “accidental Americans” (persons deemed to be U.S. citizens because they happened to be born in the U.S. but lived all of their lives abroad as citizens of another country), filed a motion to expedite the decision on the legality of the Renunciation Fee.

As followers of this case may recall, in *L'Association des Américains Accidentels, et al. v. U.S. Department of State, et al.*, Case No. 20-cv-3573, the plaintiffs, residing in some 13 different countries around the world, have asked the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to rule for the first time in history that Americans have a fundamental right to expatriate and renounce their U.S. citizenship under the U.S. Constitution. The Renunciation Fee — currently set at \$2,350 — is the highest by far charged by any nation for the voluntary renunciation of citizenship. Many countries charge nothing for the right to expatriate, which was the case in the United States for over 200 years.

Currently pending before the court are cross-motions for summary judgment. According to the plaintiffs, these motions have been pending for exactly one year. The present motion to expedite states:

*“ Every day the dispositive motions in this case remain undecided causes Plaintiffs to suffer significantly from the disruptions and disabilities caused by being unable to afford to renounce their U.S. citizenship, a fundamental right guaranteed by the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Indeed, the threat of losing access to essential financial services overseas for U.S. citizens is real and imminent. ”*

The Plaintiffs have requested that court issue its decision on all the pending dispositive motions at the earliest opportunity.

Statement by Miriam Kupper, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit:

*“ The delay in rendering a decision in this case is causing me daily harm. The clock is ticking. Every day that the cost of renunciation remains at the exorbitant fee of \$2,350, is a day that prevents me from renouncing and securing financial stability, peace of mind, and exercising a natural right. Justice delayed is justice denied. ”*

The Plaintiffs are being represented by L. Marc Zell and Noam Schreiber of the international law firm, Zell & Associates International Advocates, LLC.

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