

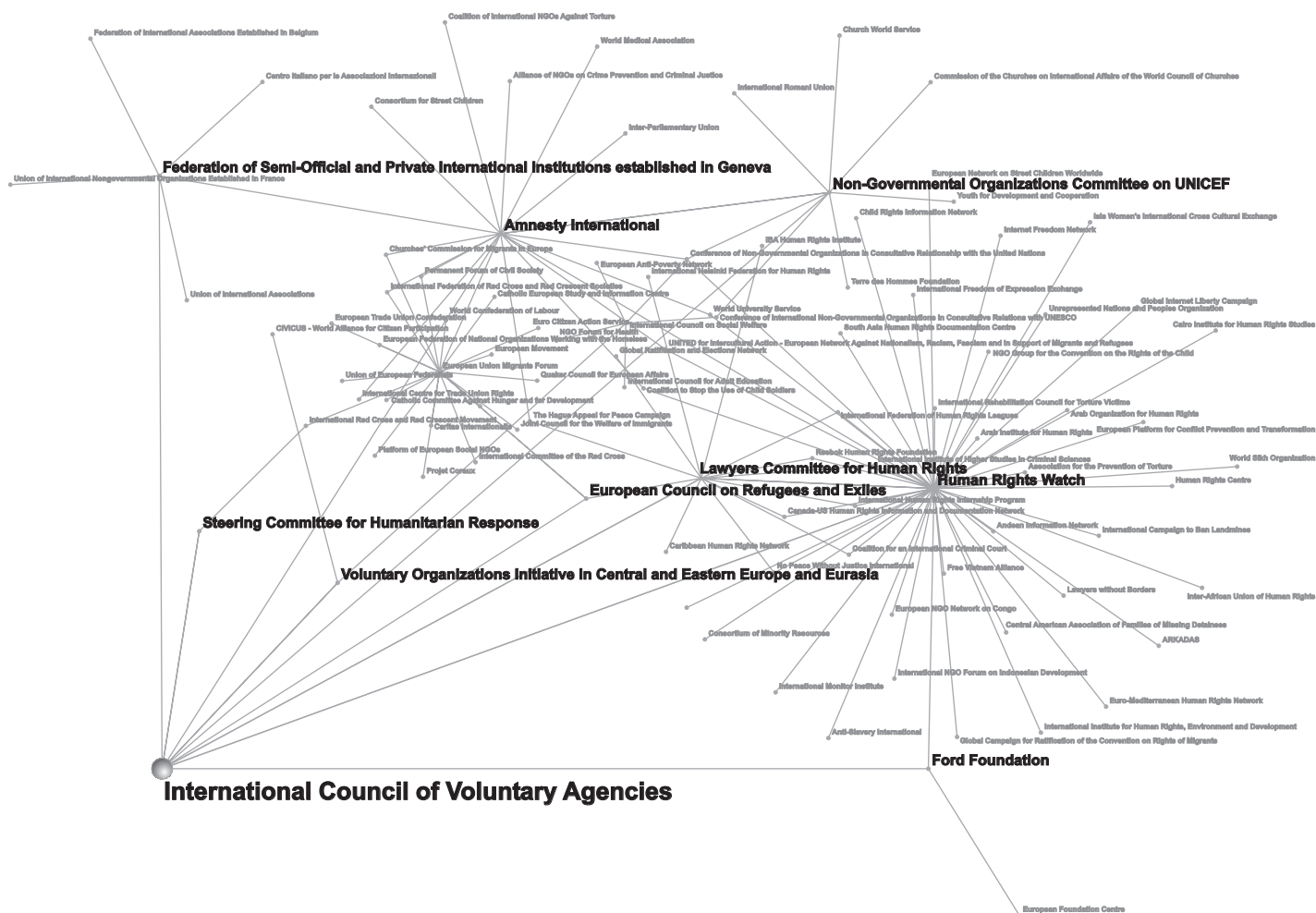
## Figure 10.1.1.10. International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

Database: International Organizations

Link type: NGO relations

Network nodes: 101

UIA database: <http://db.uia.org/scripts/sweb.dll/uiaf?DD=OR&DR=A1762>



Founded: 6 Mar 1962, by merger of Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in Migration -- Conférence des organisations non-gouvernementales intéressées aux problèmes de migration, which held its 1st Conference 10-16 Jan 1950, Geneva, and Standing Conference of Voluntary Agencies Working for Refugees -- Conférence permanente des agences bénévoles travaillant pour les réfugiés, set up 16 June 1948, Geneva, as well as of International Committee for World Refugee Year -- Comité international pour l'Année mondiale du réfugié - 1959-1961. Statutes amended: 1976; 1989; 1991; 1999. Completely restructured, 1997, when mandate was reaffirmed and sharpened by members.

Aims: An instrument for facilitating global NGO work: alleviate human suffering in natural and man-made disasters; protect and promote respect for human rights; strengthen civil society and democracy; uphold social and gender equality; sustain human development. Serve members and other NGOs by: providing services adding value to their work; facilitating rapid and effective exchange of information on humanitarian issues and concerns among them and with international organizations, governments and the general public through an inter-active information system based on the Internet and e-mail; helping them develop and strengthen capacities in order to more effectively reach their organizational objectives; support for activities enhancing the capacities, relations and partnership of member NGOs with international humanitarian agencies.