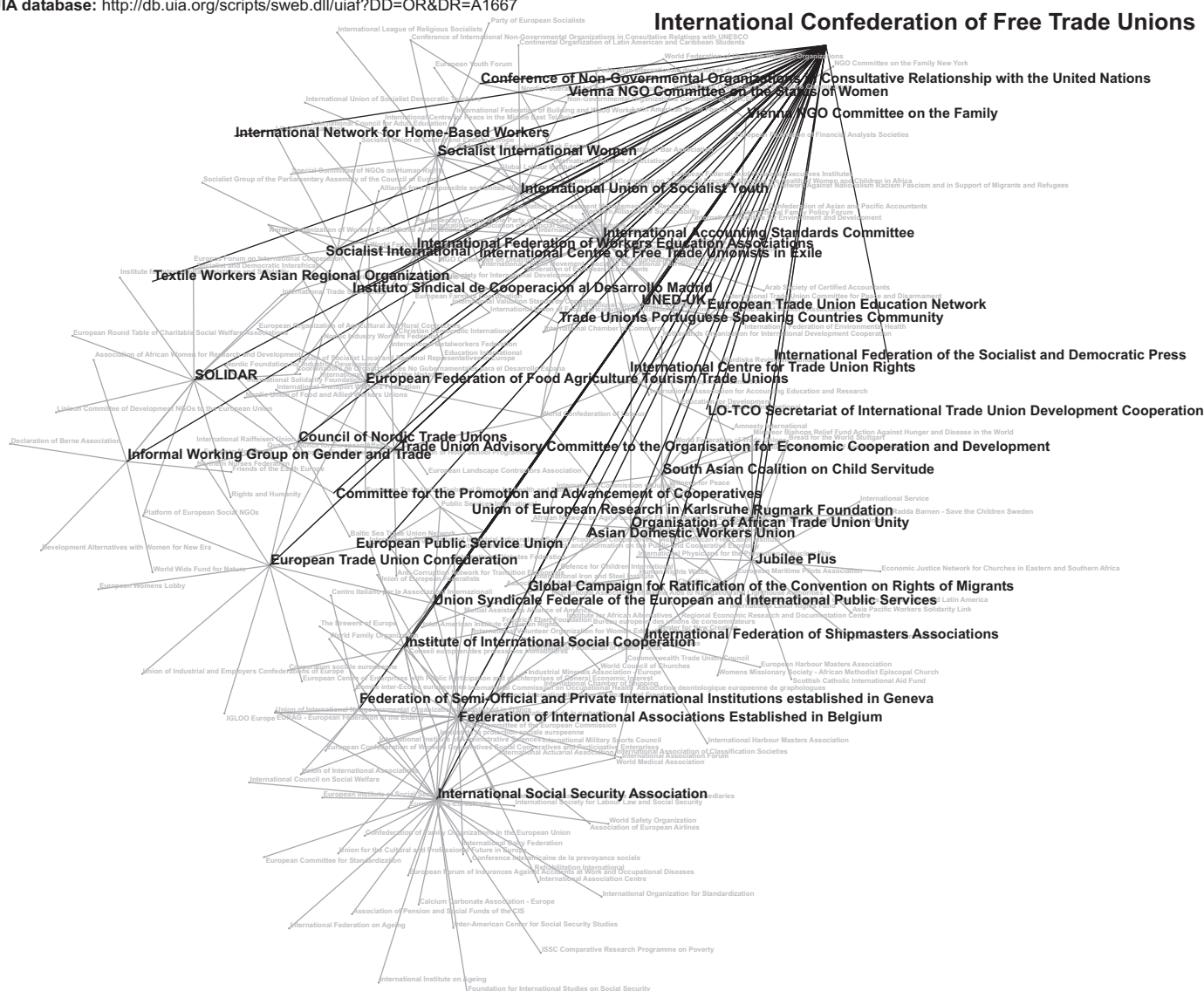


Figure 10.1.1.7.
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU)

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Aims: (a) Maintain and develop a powerful and effective international organization at world-wide and regional levels, composed of free and democratic trade unions, independent of any external domination and pledged to the task of promoting the interests of working people throughout the world and of enhancing the dignity of labour. (b) Seek universal recognition and application of the rights of trade union organizations. (c) Further the establishment, maintenance and development of free trade unions, particularly in economically underdeveloped countries. (d) Weld international trade union solidarity by giving succour to victims of all kind of oppression, by giving token assistance to those suffering from the consequences of natural and industrial disasters and by providing support in all other cases where workers should stand shoulder to shoulder. (e) Undertake and coordinate the defence of free trade unions against any campaign aiming at their destruction or at restriction of their rights or at infiltration and subjugation of labour organizations by totalitarian or other anti-labour forces. (f) Assist in providing victims of war and subjugation with all practicable means for the speedy rebuilding of their economies and in promoting international aid for them, with full respect for their political and economic independence. (g) Strive for: establishment of full employment; elimination of adverse discrimination on grounds of race, sex, nationality or creed; improvement of working conditions; introduction, maintenance and extension of social security for all; raising the the standard of living of peoples of all countries. (h) Encourage development of the resources of all the countries in order to further economic, social and cultural progress of all peoples, particularly of economically underdeveloped countries and non-self-governing territories. (i) Advocate, with a view to raising the general level of prosperity, increased and properly planned economic cooperation among nations in such a way as will encourage the development of wider economic units and for exchange of commodities; seek full participation of workers' representatives in official bodies dealing with these questions. (j) Protect, maintain and expand the system of free labour and eliminate forced labour everywhere. (k) Represent the free trade union movement in all international agencies which exist or may be set up to perform functions affecting the social and economic conditions of working people; further the implementation of their decisions whenever desirable. (l) Establish and extend association with international nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations in work to further the aims of the Confederation in protecting and advancing the interests of the peoples generally and guaranteeing human rights....