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The African National Congress on Jan. 19 called the year-to-year drop in Japan's trade with South Africa in 1988 "very little." t
"We in the ANC think the drop is very little as compared to the level of suffering in South Africa," said Jerry Matsila, ANC chief representative to Japan, adding, "This figure does not reflect the necessary action that must be taken" to end racial segregation. '

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in 1988, down 3.5 percent gab).

from a year before. In 1987, 2

Japan led the world in trade i

with South Africa and was hit ? ,

with harsh international criticism.

Last year, it was second

behind West Germany.

Matsila said, "Japan has

really not done anything,"

compared with countries

such as New Zealand which

has cut its trade with South

Africa by as much as 72 per-

' cent.

He said the Foreign Minis-

try was not able to give him

a breakdown of the trade fig-

ures.

Matsila also said that with

no legal sanctions in place,

there is no guarantee that the

minor reduction in trade last

year will not be reversed.

"Until it addresses these

questions/' he said, "the gov-

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