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Sunday (5th of March)

We met at Helsinki-Vantaa airport at 11am with our teachers Inkeri Miekkavaara and Teppo Harju. Our plane left at about 1pm. The flight from Helsinki to Istanbul was pretty nice. We arrived at Istanbul around 4-5pm. We went to eat some food and talk about our presentation of Finland. The plane to Sofia left from Istanbul around 7pm. We arrived at Sofia around 8-9pm and our hosts were waiting for us there. Then I went to my host family's home and we had dinner together. At dinner I had a conversation with my host's parents. I also talked about math and chemistry with my host. It was fun. Then I went to bed and sent a message to my mom that I'm alive and well. Then I went to sleep.

Monday (6th of March)

I woke up super tired because I went to sleep pretty late. After breakfast I packed my things and we left to school. The bus trip to Sofia was interesting. The bus was at least 100 years old and I was afraid that it would fall apart because the road was in terrible condition. At school I met my pal Anton and we talked about our hosts. Then the meeting started and the Bulgarian teachers introduced themselves. Then we watched presentations of every country which was participating in the project. They were amusing. After that we had some free time and then we went to the polytechnical museum. It was fun. After that we went to the mall and ate at KFC, and just hung out for some time. Then me and my host left back home. At home we ate something and went to sleep.

Tuesday (7th of March)

The next day we went to Muzeiko which was this children's laboratory thingy. It was interesting and I bought some Anthrax from there - a toy, not the real thing. Then we went back to the school and ate lunch there. After lunch we planted some trees on the school yard. Then we went to Vitoshka street. After hanging out there and seeing the main street, me and my host left to his house. Then I went to sleep.

Wednesday (8th of March)

On Wednesday morning I had to wake up really really early. My host's mother drove us to the train station. There I met Mr. Biology and Anton. Mr. Biology had taken a plank with him because he was so afraid of getting beaten up. Then we went to this mining town called Pernik by train. When we arrived to Pernik we walked from the train station to the mines. Our group first went to do some pottery and walk around the history museum. After the pottery we went to the mines and heard that it cost "many money" to keep it running. Then we went to some restaurant but had to wait 2 hours for the food. Then we left the restaurant and went back to the train station. The train was late. The train trip back to Sofia was probably the best part of the day because we were pretty tired. When we arrived to Sofia me and my host left back to home.

Thursday (9th of March)

On Thursday morning we met at the school. Then we went to the University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy. They told us some things about chemistry. Then we went to eat. Elias' host took us to this great place (actually great, not kidding!) and we ate there. Then we went back to the school and we

had this drawing competition. After the program we went to the mall. There we ate and Anton got lost. My host went all nuts and bolts. Then we played some laser tag and after that we went bowling. Soon after that I had to leave because we had to catch a bus. I went to sleep when we got back home.

Friday (10th of March)

On Friday morning we went to walk around Sofia. It rained and everyone had already seen everything. Then we went to eat and after that we met everyone at the school. There we had a “party”. Everyone cried. We laughed. Later that night we went to this “restaurant”. We spent a few hours there and then we left. When me and my host arrived at his place his parents thanked me for everything and I did the same. They gave me wonderful presents to my parents and to me. Then I went to my room and packed my things and went to sleep.

Saturday (11th of March)

On Saturday morning my host’s family drove me to the airport. There we said goodbyes. The rest of the day was just travelling.