The disgraced former head of the International Monetary Fund – who lost his job amid claims he tried to rape a New York chambermaid – could face jail over the ‘sex parties’ he has admitted attending around the world.

Strauss-Kahn, 62, whose wife Anne Sinclair is standing by him, has made the extraordinary claim that he was unaware the women at the orgies were prostitutes because ‘they were naked at the time’.

He will face criminal charges if prosecutors can prove the prostitutes were being paid with fraudulently obtained money – in this case funds from a major construction company – and that Strauss-Kahn knew about it.

Strauss-Kahn admits taking part in orgies and having what he describes as an ‘uninhibited sex life’, but insists ‘he never paid a centime’ for it.

Strauss-Kahn is accused of being involved in a high-level pimping ring which supplied the women to men at the sex parties.

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